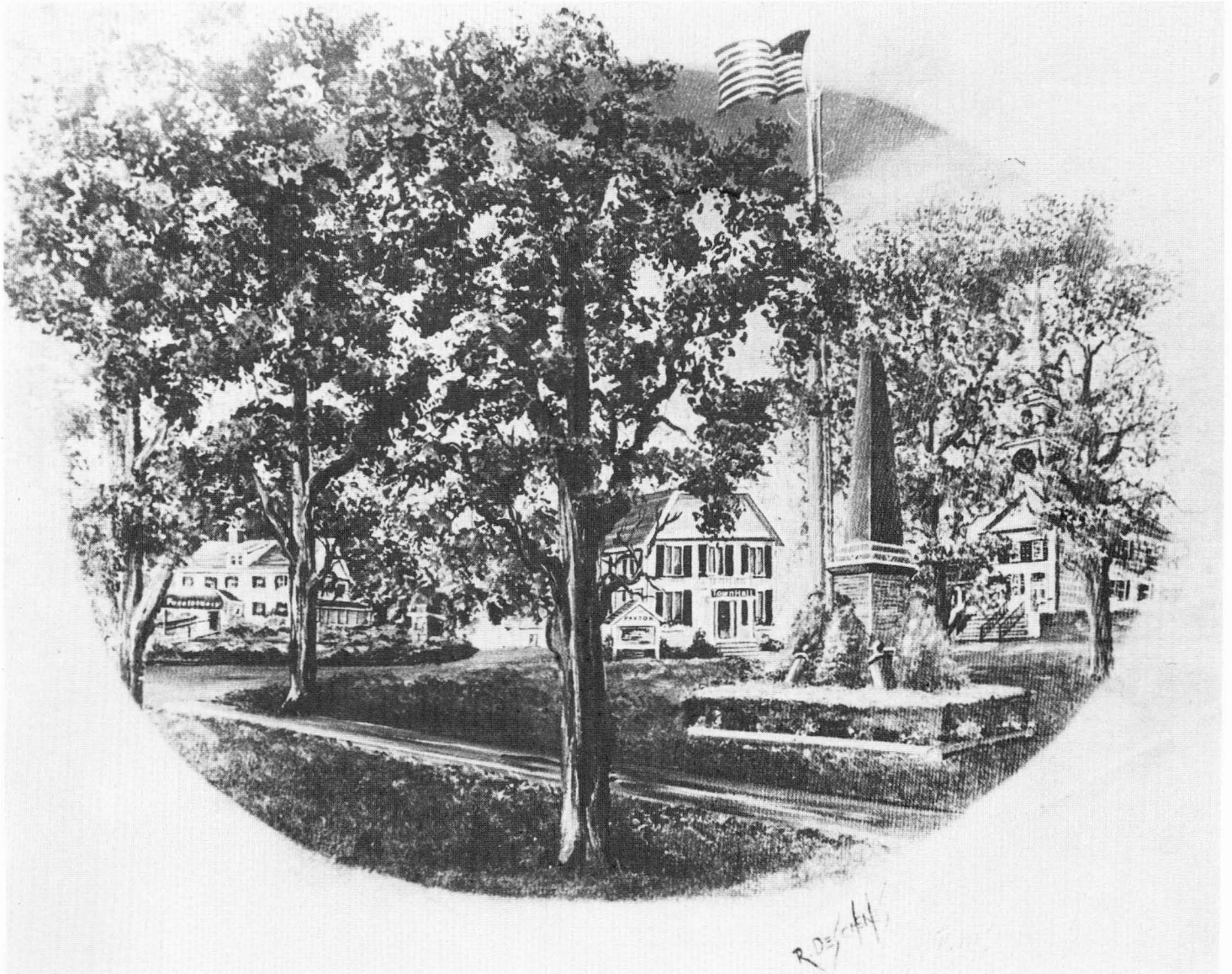


Town of Paxton



1995-1996 Annual Town Report

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Proctor E. Adams, Jr.
Willard J. Adams
William Ahearn
Francis K. Arnold
Ralph Belezarian
Samuel Belezarian
Lester E. Bemis
Theodore H. Bemis
Charles B. Black
Nils G. Brannlund
Francis Brennan
*Theodore C. Brown
Richmond E. Calhane
Rita J. Callahan
Herbert O. Carlson
Ralph L. Carlson
John T.B. Carmody
George V. Clapp, Jr.
*Harold R. Clockedile
Charles A. Craig
Arthur J. Crompton, Jr.
Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr.
Raymond G. Dawson, Jr.
Raymond B. Emerson
David D. Everleth
Joyce Everleth
Robert W. Faucher
Francis Flanagan
William R. Fontaine
*Herbert J. Gotha
Gerard B. Harney
I. Sylvia Hill
Francis D. Himelman

Donald J. Hoogasian
George C. Hunt, Jr.
Sanborn B. Hutchins
Carl Johnson, Jr.
George G. Karle
Eric A. Kellstrand
Arnold H. Klingele
William E. Knight
John N. Knipe
Samuel E. Knipe
*Arthur D. Lamotte
June Lamotte
Roy C. Larson
Arthur R. Lawler
*John W. Lawler
Harrold R. Leffingwell
Odd N. Lilleheil
Robert A. Lindquist
William E. Lindquist
George L. McGovern
Hugh B. Morse
John W. Morse
*Norman Morse
Richard C. Mullaney
Gregor Nanigian
Jacob Nanigian
Muriel A. Nichols
Miriam L. Parker
Edward D. Parks
Richard Partridge
Pentti Pentilla
Lloyd H. Pitcher
Marcel Plante

David Raitto
*Donald R. Reardon
John R. Reardon
John R. Richardson
Frederick T. Robinson
Joseph L. Robinson
Donald M. Rossier
Janet K. Sheehan
Robert Sheehan
William J. Sheehan, Jr.
Edward J. Smith
Lester V. Stanley
Edith Stevens
Raymond F. St. Martin
John Suchocki
William Suchocki
Hollis W. Tannahill
Sumner E. Taylor, Jr.
David Thompson
Louis J. Tullio
Adam P. Urbanovitch
Joseph J. Urbanovitch
Peter P. Urbanovitch
Frederick T. Warpula
Waino W. Warpula
Francis Wells
Paul Wells
Joseph A. Whitney
David M. Wylie
Hugh B. Wylie

“Our heros - may almighty God bless them and their families and all of you who honor them.”

Front Cover Picture by Artist
Robert J. Des Chenes

Annual Reports Town Offices Town of Paxton



Year Ending June 30, 1996

In Memoriam



ROBERT P. SHEEHAN

Police Chief

CAROLINE L. RICE

Cemetery Commission

HERBERT ROBINSON

Highway Dept.
Fire Fighter

MIRIAM W. DEWEY

Library Trustee

With Thanks For Past Service

PETER SCHUR

Selectboard

ELAINE BAFARO

ARTHUR BALDWIN

DAVID JILLETTE

Finance Board

Charlotte MacDougall

Board of Registrars

JOANNE LANGER

Historical Commission

GEORGEWAHEARN, SR.

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewer

IRENE JONES

FRANCIS RYAN

J. ARDEN WOODALL

KATHRYN KINGSBURY

DALE FAIR

Council on Aging

JULIA CONTE

Designer Selection Committee

GEORGE KARLE

DONNA HERRON

Election Officers

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TOWN OFFICERS

May 1996 - May 1997

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman	1999
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman	1998
Joseph W. McKay, Clerk	1997

Town Clerk

June T. Herron	1997
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Treasurer

Doris E. Huard	1999
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Collector

Doris E. Huard	1999
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Moderator

Francis A. Ford	1999
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Constables

Bernard J. Melican	1999
B. Peter Warren Jr.	1999

Tree Warden

Patrick V. Smith	1999
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Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Caroline C. Ely	1999
Melinda A. Johnson	1997

Municipal Light Board

Michael J. Benoit, Chairman	1998
Warren P. Bock	1997
Ralph A. Kimball Jr.	1999

Assessors

Susan Corcoran	1999
Sherburne B. Rockwell III	1998
James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman	1997

Water Board

Charles J. Glassbrenner, Chairman	1998
Manass F. Price	1997
Robert W. Thompson	1999
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Charles J. Glassbrenner	

Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll, Chairman	1997
Judy A. Hatstat	1999
David Parent	1998

Planning Board

Christian S. Baehrecke	2000
Stephen P. Bik	2001
Barry Feldman	1998
Zarvin J. Kasparian	1997
Richard J. Pentland, Chairman	1999

Library Trustees

Joan Bedard	1998
Clement J. Gainty	1997
Debra M. Henderson	1999
Ruth N. Hiller, Chairman	1997
Charles L. Innis, Jr.	1998
Diane Kennen	1999

Recreation Commission

John Ahern	1997
Robert Dateo	2000
Dennis M. Melican	1998
Sherburne B. Rockwell III	2001
Christopher A. Stone, Chairman	1999

Cemetery Commission

Ross E. Johnson	1998
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman	1999
Richard H. Sears	1997

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Executive Secretary & Procurement Officer

Barbara A. Scholl

P/T Town Services Coordinator & Disability Coordinator

Carol Goodrich

Board of Appeals

George Cagan, ALT	1997
Neil Collins	1997
Richard Dowd, Chairman	1998
Howard Gewandter	1998
Richard Grensavitch	1997
John Hurley	1998
Allen Rubin	1997
Kathleen Sears, ALT	1997

Care of Clock

Alan M. Wentworth

Superintendent DPW

Paul Palumbo

Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett

Inspector of Wires

Warren P. Lederer
Patrick Fanning, Asst.

Building Inspector

Raymond Kauppila
Mark A. Richardson, Asst.

Worcester County Advisory Board

Joseph McKay

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Patrick V. Smith

Board of Registrars

Ann Cunningham, Chairman	1999
Gertrude Grenon	1997
Jean McIntyre	1998

Town Counsel

Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers

Robert Brunelle
Gino Gangai

Town Accountant

June T. Herron 1999

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Brian Murphy, Fire Chief

Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director

Donald Cardinal, Director
Paul Palumbo, Asst. Director

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Brian Murphy

Firefighters

Matthew Bassick
Michael Benoit, Lieut.
Gregory Bernier
Jason Clarke
Brian Clockedile
Patrick Collins
Jay Conte, Asst. Chief
Thomas Ducharme
Brian Faucher
Richard Gaffney
Mark Girouard
Todd Girouard
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch
Timothy Hackett
James Hansson
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief

Brian Killelea

Jason Leonard

Robert Martin

Patrick Mullaney

Brian Murphy, Chief

James Olson

Timothy Pierce

Charles Pingitore

Michael Putnam, Lieut.

Kevin Quinn

Gary Richards

Patrick Robinson

Thomas Savage

Raymond Savignac

Michael Sears

Orville Sheldon, Lieut.

Matthew Stone

Joel Szczepanek

Douglas Warren

Peter Warren

First Responders

Michael Benoit, EMT

Jay Conte, EMT

Thomas Ducharme

Richard Gaffney

Todd Girouard

Richard Jenkins

Brian Murphy

Timothy Pierce, EMT

Charles Pignaatore

Michael Putnam

Kevin Quinn

Patrick Robinson

Raymond Savignac

Fire Inspector

Thomas J. Cunningham

Veteran's Graves Officer

Chandler Wyman

Police Department Chief

Michael Ahern

Full Time Officers

Eric Baldwin, Patrolman
Robert DesRosiers, Sergeant
Kevin Drolet, Patrolman
Michael Jennings, Patrolman
William Lang, Patrolman
Phillip Martin, Patrolman
William P. Reilly, Patrolman

Part Time Officers

David S. Ahlin

Brian Boulette
 Todd R. Girouard
 Patrick V. Smith
 Mary Stone

Conservation Commission

Michael Ahearn, Associate 1998
 Ingeborg Baehrecke 1998
 Susan Barry 1998
 Barbara Berka 1999
 Robert Bertin 1999
 Matthew Erskine, Associate 1999
 Carol Harris 1997
 Kathryn Kingsbury, Associate 1998
 Gordon Snyder, Associate 1997
 Janice Stewart 1999
 Robert Stewart, Chairman 1997
 Rebecca Sullivan, Associate 1999

Group Insurance Advisory Comm.

Gerald Bernier
 Robert DesRosiers
 Kimberly Faucher
 Doris E. Huard
 Paul Palumbo
 Janet Porter
 Barbara A. Scholl
 Harold Smith, Chairman

Agts. for License Commission

Michael Ahearn
 Thomas Cunningham

Central MA. Regional Planning

Christian S. Baehrecke

Designer Selection Committee

Alvah Tracy 1997
 Peter Belsito 1997
 Charles Scholl 1997
 Patrick Bessette 1997
 Carolyn Ely 1997
 Melinda Johnson ALT. 1997

Personnel Advisory Board

Clement Gainty
 June Herron
 Martha A. Layte, Co-Chairman
 Joanne Moffett
 Robert Wilby, Co-Chairman

Communications Board

Robert DesRosiers
 Richard Bedard
 Donald Cardinal
 Charles Glassbrenner
 Brian Murphy

Paul Palumbo
 Harold Smith, Chairman

Council on Aging

George Abernathy 1998
 Janice Ahearn 1999
 Mary Bobola 1999
 Ann Cunningham 1999
 Gertrude Grenon 1998
 Debra Grensavitch 1998
 Jean McIntyre, Chairman 1997
 Andrew Serrato 1998
 Barbara Whitney 1997

Historical Commission

Jason Fanning, Co-Chairman 1999
 Janice Fanning 1999
 Laurie Gardner, Co-Chairman 1997
 Donna MacLean 1999
 Denis Melican 1999
 Robert Pierce 1998
 Christine M. Reilly 1998

Cultural Council

Martha Akstin 1997
 Louise Erskine 1997
 Sheila Estabrook 1997
 Judy Galbraith 1999
 Carrie Grinstead 1997
 Joanne Kee 1999
 Joanne Langer 1999
 MaryJo Moynihan 1997
 Denise Sosnoff 1997
 Jean Urbanowski 1999

Cable Advisory Board

Daniel Chen 1997
 Ronald Johnson 1999
 Deborah Magnuson 1997
 Edward McTigue 1998
 Nicholas Powlovich 1998
 Thomas Savage, Chairman 1999
 Scott A. Wilson 1998

AMC Scholarship Committee

Debra M. Henderson, Chairman
 Melinda A. Johnson
 Joseph W. McKay

Housing Partnership Committee

Virginia Kimball
 Paul Leroux
 John Lucey, Chairman
 Norman Peters
 Kathleen Sears
 Fr. John Thomas

Paxton Center School Building Committee

Peter Belsito
 Gerard Bernier
 Patrick Besette
 Robin Carroll
 Thomas Cunningham
 Carolyn Ely
 Kevin Quinn, Chairman

Election Officers

Charlotte Thalín, Warden REP.
 Marie Cavanaugh, Inspector REP.
 Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN.
 Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM
 Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM
 June T. Herron, Clerk UN
 Susan Stone, ALT

Safety Committee

Michael Ahearn, Police Chief
 Richard Morrow, Head Custodian PCS
 Brian Murphy, Fire Chief
 Paul Palumbo, DPW Super.
 Harold Smith, PEL Manager

Animal Control Officer

B. Peter Warren Jr.

Rubbish/Recycling Collection

Browning Ferris Industries, Inc.
 P.O.Box 345
 Auburn, MA 01501

Recycling Study Committee

Michelle Benoit
 Diane Dillman
 George Friedman
 Robert Herron, Chairman
 Harold Slovin
 Nancy Stangle

TO ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

All committees and Boards of the Town shall meet and organize thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure to so file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of the By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting 2/7/38).

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**Finance Board**

Roger Brunelle	1997
Christian deMarcken	1998
Howard Gewandter	1999
Robert Jacobson	1997
Evelyn Lawler	1999
John Lucey, Chairman	1998
Eugene A. O'Rourke	1999
Jay Snell, Vice Chairman	1998
Frederick Sosnoff	1997

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH**Plumbing Inspector**

Dennis Harney
 John P. Dolan, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector

Joseph Mikielian
 Richard M. Cox, Environ. Engineer

Burial Agent

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

Animal Inspector

Jean Parent

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

BIRTHS 1995

June

19 Olivia Paris, daughter to Traci Ann Goodney and Michael David Trudell, 500 West Street.

July

22 Meghan Patricia, daughter to Gillian Barnard and Matthew Thomas Braley, 17 South Street.

August

3 Dominic Vincent, son to Marianne Giangregorio and Vincent Anthony Librandi Jr., 145 Grove Street.

20 Zakari Djibo, son to Stacey Ann Hill and Issoufou Abdou Niambele, 444 Marshall Street.

28 Christine Marie, daughter to Valerie Schiller and Dennis Joseph Dowd, 9 Mount View Drive.

31 Emily Fay, daughter to Jennifer Tirrell Fay and Timothy Paul Roberts, 13 Pond Street.

September

4 Ashleigh Caitlyn, daughter to Bobbi-Lynn Olson and Brian Arthur Misner, 45 East Howard Street.

5 Liam Patrick, son to Carol Dell Cook and John Joseph Carville, 16 Orchard Drive.

26 Nikayla Deirdre, daughter to Jeanne Susan Burt and John Joseph Welsh, Jr., 380 Marshall Street.

26 Thomas Leonard Peter, son to Karen Louise Coraccio and Thomas Saverio Meer, 1 Squantum Road.

October

8 Ryan Stephen, son to Donna Marie Bourn and Stephen Balcewicz, 1 Major Moore Circle.

21 Peter Barrett Hall, son to Bronwyn Bridget Gage and John Michael Teixeira, 2 Pond Street.

21 Rachel Elizabeth, daughter to Danielle Richstone and David Alan Ayotte, 44 Brooks Road.

November

7 Catrina Marie, daughter to Colleen Marie Casey and Christopher Lawrence Cattaneo, 97 Pleasant Street.

19 Natalie Joy, daughter to Amy Lynn Andryc and Terry Lee Witmer, 131 Pleasant Street.

December

6 Hunter Douglas, son to Traci Ann Day and Russell Joseph Schlegel, 140 West Street.

10 Daniel Joseph, son to Karen Ann Germain and Daniel Richard Scavone, 50 Brooks Road.

30 Alexandra Catherine, daughter to Kristen Ann Roy and Scott Jeffrey Faucher, 64 Brigham Road.

1996

January

6 Michael Aiden, son to Marlene Frances Walker and Dennis Francis Bean, 239 Pleasant Street.

12 Nicole Christine, daughter to Pauline Marie Maillet and Joseph Paul Gaffney, 14 Red Oak Street.

12 Brendan Joseph, son to Pauline Marie Maillet and Joseph Paul Gaffney, 14 Red Oak Street.

24 Dylan Reilly, son to Lisa Meredith Hill and Neil Douglas McDonough, 112 Richards Avenue.

27 Kestra Timarie, daughter to Deanna Tressa Patenaude and Jeffrey Paul Cooney, 55 Streeter Road.

February

7 Samantha Tayler, daughter to Elizabeth Jean Bake and Douglas Joseph Shannon Jr., 7 Larchwood Road.

16 Brianna Marie, daughter to Cheryl Angelina Vuona and David Michael Dyer, 33 Forestdale Road.

25 Tori Elizabeth, daughter to Marybeth Stacon and Jeffrey Everett Brown, 390 Marshall Street,

29 Joseph Douglas, son to Patricia Forti and Douglas Robertson Dawson, 22 Walbridge Road.

March

3 Dalia Nancy, daughter to Bobbie Yvonne Bethune-Gilbert and Charles Olan Kingsbury Jr., 7 Jefferson Drive.

April

21 Cody Wayne, son to Tracy Lynne Bessette and Christopher Wayne Mannila, 165 Grove Street.

24 Eric Robert Peterson Jr., son to Debra Jeanne Pepper and Eric Robert Peterson, 20 Forestdale Road.

May
 11 Andrew Douglas, son to Michelle Lynn Gadaire and Michael John Benoit, 10 Orchard Drive.
 25 Kayla Arianna, daughter to Dolores April Eastman and Daniel Andrago Shabo, 2 Crowningshield Drive.

June
 4 James Joseph, son to Barbara-Marie Barry and James John Ostromecky, 19 Lancelot Drive
 15 Samantha Dallas, daughter to Lisa Michelle Emond and Harry Matthew Sloate, Jr., 17 Forestdale Road
 20 John William, son to Janet Ann Moulton and Gregory William Nanis, 454 Grove Street

MARRIAGES 1995

July
 1 Alfred Joseph Chicoine Jr. of Paxton to Deborah Ann Ford of Paxton.
 15 John Robert Langevin of Paxton to Melissa Anne Fontaine of Paxton.
 16 Steven F. Siraco of Paxton to Elizabeth Ann Thomann of Paxton.
 23 Scott Jeffrey Faucher of Paxton to Kristen Ann Roy of Paxton.

August
 12 Daniel E. O'Sullivan III of Worcester to Patricia Mary Lucey of Paxton.

November
 9 Kenneth M. Oliveira of Paxton to Deborah A. Szaban of Paxton.
 27 Michael R. Kelley of West Brookfield to Tracy L. Cody of West Brookfield.

1996

February
 10 Minton D. Boyd of Worcester to Mary C. O'Connor of Worcester.
 18 William Patrick Lawler of Paxton to Margaret Mary Terrio of Paxton.

March
 30 Richard J. Lakus of Holden to Janice E. Morrow of Paxton.

May
 5 Richard I. Morrow of Paxton to Shirley Sweet of Sutton.

June
 9 Edmond James Zaccaria of Worcester to Catherine Mary Belanger of Worcester.

15 James Smith Hansson of Paxton to Kara Ann Demarski of East Brookfield.

15 Robert R. Johnson of Hubbardston to Phyllis A. Martin of Holden

22 Stephen Richard Smith of New Jersey to Natalie Dawn Hackett of New Jersey.

28 Richard James Keegan of Connecticut to Claudette Lucille Chagnon of Connecticut.

DEATHS 1995

July
 9 Grace White, 3 Berkshire Drive 93
 22 Philip G. Duvarney, 74 Streeter Road 76
 24 Henry J. Kelly, 16 Indian Hill Road 87
 26 Warren C. MacPhee, 122 West Street 71

August
 7 Maureen C. Kapish, 222 Bailey Road, Holden 47
 9 Chester L. W. Johnson, 14 Crestwood Road 82
 15 Marshall O. Arnott, 19 Forestdale Road 92
 30 Pentti M. Penttila, 196 West Street 80

September
 16 Lumena M. Westling, 26 Crystal Street 95
 17 Anna M. Krikorian, 39 Camp Street 72
 21 Allan S. Goff, 32 Crowningshield Drive 51
 24 Irene R. Tamulevich, 11 Woodland Drive 71
 28 Thomas F. Walsh, 23 Lincoln Circle 71

October
 2 Robert A. Lindquist Sr., 101 Suomi Street 71
 3 Edmund J. Faucher, 47 West Street 80
 22 Grace M. Jensen, 635 Pleasant Street 60

November		
22	Gertrude M. Farrington, 2 Meadowbrook Dr.	84
27	Juliette H. Najarian, 9 Walbridge Road	63
December		
21	Jeannette Girouard, 158 Suomi Street	86
1996		
January		
20	Miriam W. Dewey, 67 Maple Street	88
22	Herbert S. Robinson, 434 Grove Street	83
27	Wilma A. Jones, 7 Crestwood Road	69
February		
12	Merle E. Queally, 31 Asnebumskit Road	75
16	Caroline L. Rice, 75 Maple Street	73
24	Doris V. Parks, 9 Crystal Street	75
24	Howard A. Aubertin, 10 Birchwood Road	74
April		
21	Barbara E. Fuller, 8 Alrene Drive	53
May		
1	Katherine M. McLaughlin 774 Pleasant St.	94
18	Frederick W. Knott, 620 Pleasant Street	84
19	Barbara E. Hicks, 93 Pleasant Street	77
23	Wallace H. Wood, Jr., 420 Pleasant Street	59
31	Richard A. LaPierre, 5 Cutler Road	67
June		
4	Laurence J. Reynolds, 2 Ledyard Road	60

DOG LICENSES ISSUED July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Male/Female	114
Neutered/Spayed	296
Total	410

Kennel	2
Paid to Treasurer	\$2,350.50

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Number of Licenses Issued	240
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Paid to Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife \$6,375.25

Respectfully submitted,

June T. Herron
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting was called to order March 18, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum present. Counters for the evening were John M. Nash, Thomas B. Carroll, Jeanne G. demarcken, James R. Stone Jr.

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, the eighteenth of March, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$, or any other sum, for the continuation of the Hepatitis B inoculation series for members of the Police Department and Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Health

Finance Board in favor.

MOTION PASSED to transfer from AVAILABLE FUNDS the sum of \$9,600.00 for the continuation of the Hepatitis B inoculation series for members of the Police Department and Fire Department.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, or any other sum, for the First Responders Compensation Account #232-5102; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief

Finance Board in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE to transfer from AVAILABLE FUNDS the sum of \$2,500.00 for the First Responders Compensation Account #232-5102.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1995 (replace the shingles and storm windows on the left, right and back sides on the Town Hall), and to appropriate such balance in the amount of \$24,000.00, to (I) construct a concrete foundation, in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of the Secretary of State, to as a records storage vault, (II) enlarge the shed addition on the first floor at the back of the Town Hall for additional storage, (III) replace shingles and storm windows, and (IV) authorize the Selectmen to enter into all contracts and to perform all acts necessary to effectuate the same; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 or any other sum, to provide additional monies in the Legal Services Budget #11151-5200, for the remainder of the fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Board in favor.

MOTION PASSED to transfer from AVAILABLE FUNDS the sum of \$6,000.00 to provide additional monies in the Legal Services Budget #11151-5200 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$12,541.00, or any other sum, for the deficiency in the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for fiscal year 1996; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Finance Committee

MOTION MADE AND PASSED to increase the Wachusett Regional School District budget for fiscal year 1996 by \$12,541.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote (1) to appropriate the sum of \$4,750.00 to construct, originally equip and furnish an addition to the Paxton Center School to be designed to accommodate pupils in grade kindergarten through 8, and to remodel, reconstruct or make extraordinary repairs to the present Paxton Center School, including architectural, engineering and other costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$4,750,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) and (3A), of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, including Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or such other sum, and to issue bonds or notes therefor; provided that not more than \$200,000, for architectural, engineer-

ing and other design costs, shall be borrowed before July 1, 1996; (2) to offset such architectural, engineering and design fees by (1) \$34,851.44 which is the unexpended balance appropriated pursuant to Article 20 of the 1992 Annual Town Meeting and (11) \$1,972.85 which is the unexpended balance appropriated pursuant to Article 8 of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting and that such unexpended balances be appropriated for such architectural, engineering and design fees; (3) to petition the General Court for the passage of a special law to allow the maturities of bonds or notes issued for said project to be so arranged that for each issue the amounts payable in the several years for principal and interest combined shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Treasurer and Selectmen or, in the alternative, in accordance with a schedule providing a more rapid amortization of principal; (4) to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with respect to the leasing of the Paxton Center School to the Wachusett Regional School District and including provisions with respect to the ultimate conveyance of the school site to the District and the crediting of State school building assistance payments on account of the project authorized herein to the Town or to take any other action relative to the foregoing matters or any of them.

The action authorized by this Article is contingent upon a favorable vote on the Debt Exclusion Election scheduled for March 25, 1996.

Article sponsored by: School Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,750,000 AS SPECIFIED IN THE ABOVE ARTICLE.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required By-Laws, fourteen days at least before day set for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of February, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Schur, Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Vice Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

Meeting Dissolved 9:15 p.m.

Robert J. Hall
Moderator

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to vote at

Paxton Center School
West Street

on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, 1996
from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the following question:

QUESTION 1. "Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct an addition and renovations to the Paxton Center school?"

YES

NO

HEREIN FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

GIVEN under our hands this ninth day of February 1996.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter M. Schur, Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Vice Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to vote at:

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL

West Street

on Monday the thirteenth day of May, 1996
from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the candidates for the following Town Offices:

Selectboard	David F. Jillette	Three Years
Town Treasurer	Doris E. Huard	Three Years
Town Collector	Doris E. Huard	Three Years
Moderator	Francis A. Ford	Three Years
Constables (2)	B. Peter Warren, Jr.	Three Years
	Bernard J. Melican	Three Years
Tree Warden	Patrick V. Smith	Three Years
W.R.S.D.C.	Caroline Ely	Three Years
Municipal Light Board	Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.	Three Years
Assessors	Susan P. Corcoran	Three Years
Water Board	Robert W. Thompson	Three Years
Board of Health	Judy A. Hatstat	Three Years
Planning Board	Stephen P. Bik	Five Years
Library Trustees (2)	Diane H. Kennen	Three Years
	Debra M. Henderson	Three Years
Recreation Commission	Sherburne B. Rockwell III	Five Years
Cemetery Commission	Yvonne B. Karle	Three Years

HEREIN FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

GIVEN under our hands this tenth day of April 1996.

Board of Selectmen

Peter M. Schur, Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Vice Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

Polls opened at 10:00 AM and closed at 8:00 PM. Total ballots cast 806.

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM, MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING ARE THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, DREW HOWARD, GERARD BERNIER, STEVEN SOSNOFF. THIS MEETING RECESSED TO TAKE UP SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:55 PM. 200 VOTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on May 20, 1996, at 7:30 PM, then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, and other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO AMEND CONSERVATION #11171 BY DELETING INCOME USED TO REDUCE EXPENSES OF \$1,000. MAKING THE TOTAL CONSERVATION BUDGET \$1,563.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO AMEND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FROM \$133,000 TO \$114,479, THEREFORE MAKING TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET \$2,574,587.

UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR GRAND TOTAL OF BUDGET \$4,878,505.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to file the following legislation to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Town Accountant to one appointed position with all of the same benefits as other Town employees. This new position of Town Clerk-Accountant is to be full time, 40 hours per week, reporting to the Board of Selectmen with offices in the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CLERK-ACCOUNTANT IN THE TOWN OF PAXTON

Section 1.

The Office of the Town Clerk-Accountant of the Town of Paxton is hereby established. The Town Clerk-Accountant shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three (3) years and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties vested in the offices of Town Clerk and Town Accountant. A vacancy in the office of Town Clerk-Accountant shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of any term.

Section 2.

The incumbents in the offices of Town Clerk and Town Accountant on the effective date of this Act shall continue to hold said offices and to perform the duties thereof until the expi-

ration of their terms and the appointment of a Town Clerk-Accountant by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3.

This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends more study on this article.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to file the following legislation to combine the position of Town Collector and Town Treasurer to one appointed position with all of the same benefits as other Town employees. This new position of Town Collector-Treasurer is to be full time, 40 hours per week, reporting to the Board of Selectmen with offices in the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TREASURER-COLLECTOR IN THE TOWN OF PAXTON

Section 1.

The office of the Town Treasurer-Collector of the Town of Paxton is hereby established. The Town Treasurer-Collector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three (3) years and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties vested in the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Collector. A vacancy in the office of Town Treasurer-Collector shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of any term.

Section 2.

The incumbents in the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Collector on the effective date of this Act shall continue to hold said offices and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of their terms and the appointment of a Town Treasurer-Collector by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends more study on this article.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NOT ACTION.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Conservation Commission to spend an amount not to exceed \$500.00, only for expenses directly incurred in the administration, implementation or enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act. In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40 (money would come from the Conservation Wetland Protection Fund); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Conservation Commission

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance recommends article be amended to spend an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ALLOW THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SPEND \$500.00 FOR EXPENSES DIRECTLY INCURRED IN THE ADMINISTRATION, IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste, or for loans to property owners for such purposes, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing under Chapter 44, by borrowing under Chapter 29C (the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust), or otherwise; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Health

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance committee recommends approval. We see no real exposure to Paxton and there is potential benefits to its citizens.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$100,000.00 FROM THE COMM. OF MA. FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Council on Aging to 9 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed 3 years for any member. Said terms shall be so arranged so that not more than 3 appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members may be reappointed to determine the duties of a Council on Aging; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen and Council on Aging

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO 9 MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 1997 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for fiscal year 1997 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 1996; or act in any way thereon.

Balances in Account as of 4/29/1996

Cheryl Noel, Deputy Collection Fees	\$0.00
Library State Aid	\$12,163.79
Dog Fund for Library Use	\$430.10
Conservation Wetlands Protection Fund, Notice of Intent	
	\$6,585.48
State Art Council	\$2,627.85
Council on Aging Formula Fund 1995-1996	\$1,165.00
Council on Aging Project We Care	\$3,716.40
Recreation Revolving Account	\$9,621.32
Recreation Fee Support Revolving Account	\$25,319.33
Recreation Snack Bar Revolving Account	\$2,169.48
Playground in Paxton Recreation Account	\$5,049.39
State Grant Composing Bins	\$277.00
Paxton Center School Bldg. Rental Revolving Account	
	\$911.25
Upper Blackstone Water Poll. Abate. Dist. Rev. Acct.(\$129.99)	
Historical Commission Revolving Account	\$1,719.62
Cable TV, Greater Media	\$6,167.60
Co. of Ma. Fisheries & Wildlife	\$0.00
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	\$1,626.81
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	\$23,445.89
Police Department Grants and Gifts	\$7,595.45
Police Department Parking Tickets	\$105.00

Sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance committee recommends approval. By state law these have to be approved annually.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RE-AUTHORIZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1997 ALL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AS LISTED ABOVE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other sum, for the purpose of replacing ground ladders for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING GROUND LADDERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other sum, for the purpose of purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval. This is the last installment of this purchase.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$6,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 10. To authorize the Town to enter into an agreement acting by and through the Board of Selectmen and/or the Water Board with the City of Worcester for the purchase of water from the City of Worcester and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a pumping station, installation of utility lines and apparatus to facilitate the transfer of the water. Said agreement with the City is to contain such terms, provisions and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and/or Water Board shall approve; or act in any way thereon.

Sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval. This is a low cost option to constructing our own water filtration system.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO ADD THE WORDS (DESIGN AND) IN FRONT OF THE WORD CONSTRUCTION ON LINE 6.

IT WAS VOTED TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$528,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION, INSTALLATION OF UTILITY LINES AND APPARATUS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF THE WATER AS PRINTED ABOVE.

2/3 NEEDED YES 167 NO 14

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain for the purpose of constructing a water pumping

station, a parcel of land containing approximately 10,976 square feet and being shown as Lots 41, 42, 43, and 44 on a plan of land entitled "West Tatnuck Heights, Worcester's Finest Residential Suburb", dated 1923 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 41, Plan 33, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the costs to acquire said parcels; or act in any way thereon.

Sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval by appropriation.

IT WAS VOTED TO PURCHASE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A WATER PUMPING STATION, A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10,976 SQUARE FEET AND BEING SHOWN IN PLAN BOOK 41, PLAN 33. IT WAS VOTED TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 FOR THE COSTS TO ACQUIRE SAID PARCELS.

2/3 NEEDED YES 179 NO 2

****UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RETURN TO THE BUDGET.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 5 at the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 1986 which increased the term of office of the Moderator from one to three years and to have the term of the Moderator be for one year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Town Moderator

(The effect of this rescission would be to restore annual election of the Moderator. The original term of office was one year, and this term should be restored. There are no disadvantages to an incumbent Moderator, and the shorter term provides an early opportunity for change if voters become unhappy with the Moderator's rulings and procedures.)

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION FAILED.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the by-law which specifies the quorum requirements for Town meetings; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Town Moderator

(The effect of such a rescission would be to have no quo-

rum requirement at all. Voters would be aware that one voter could approve/disapprove articles from a legally posted Town Meeting warrant.)

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval. We feel this is too risky for any potential benefit.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a by-law which will specify that articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant shall be acted upon in random order, except for Article 1, the budget article. The remaining articles will be subject to a lottery which will assure that each remaining article has equal opportunity of being selected to be acted upon; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Town Moderator

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval. At times there is a need to have logical grouping of articles.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$6,850.00, or any other sum, to construct an access structure connecting the upstairs of the Police Department building to the meeting area located in the cellar.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief

Selectboard recommend approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval. We do not feel this is an essential project this year.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$25,236.00, or any other sum, to purchase and equip a new police cruiser; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief

Selectboard recommend disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends approval. The chief has assured us that he will not purchase the cruiser until after January, if possible.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$25,236.00 TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A NEW POLICE CRUISER.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to file the following legislation to establish a procedure for the recall of elected officials for the Town; or act in any way thereon.

Town of Paxton—Recall Election Procedures

Section 1. Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Paxton with more than six months remaining in the term of office may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the Town as herein provided.

Section 2 Any fifty registered voters of the Town of Paxton may initiate a recall petition by filing with the Town Clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds for recall. The Town Clerk shall thereupon deliver to said voters making the affidavit copies of petition blanks demanding such recall, copies of which printed forms shall be kept available. Such blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with the Town Clerk's signature and official seal attached thereto. Such blanks shall be dated, shall be addressed to the Board of Selectmen and shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor in the said office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. Said recall petitions shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within twenty days after the filing of the affidavit, signed by at least fifty percent of the total number of persons who voted at the most recent annual Town election, who shall add to their signatures the street and number, if any, of their residences. The Town Clerk shall, within twenty-four hours of receipt, submit the petitions to the Board of Registrars who shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters in the Town.

Section 3. If the petition shall be certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient the Town Clerk shall forthwith submit the same with his certificate to the Board of Selectmen within five working days, and the Board of Selectmen within five working days shall give written notice of the receipt of the certificate to the officer sought to be recalled and shall, if the officer does not resign within five days thereafter, order an election to be held on a date fixed by them no less than sixty-five nor more than ninety days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition has been filed; provided, however that if any other Town election is to occur within ninety days after the date of the certificate, the Board of Selectmen shall postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a removal election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided for in this section.

Section 4. Any officer whose recall is sought may be a candidate to succeed himself at the recall election. The nomination of all candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act.

Section 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the recall election. If then reelected, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term subject to recall as before, except as provided in this section. If not reelected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

Section 6. Ballots used in a recall election in the Town shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For recall of (name of officer).

Against the recall of (name of officer).

Adjacent to each proposition there shall be a place to mark a vote. After the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the directions to the voters as required by section forty-two of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If a majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.

Section 7. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer of the Town within ninety days after he takes office, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby, until at least ninety days after the election at which the officer's recall was submitted to the voters.

Section 8. No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any town office with one year after such recall or such resignation.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance committee recommends approval.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO AMEND SECTION 2, LINE 1, TO READ ANY 125 REGISTERED VOTERS IN PLACE OF 50.

MOTION PASSED. YES 160 NO 20

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$145,419.00; or any other sum, for the construction of Town roads, the improvement of Town roads, the purchase of road equipment, or as otherwise permitted under Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectmen recommends approval

Finance Committee recommends approval. These monies will be returned to us by the state upon completion of the work.

2/3 NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$145,419.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS AS STATED ABOVE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum to be determined at a later date, to be used for the planning and development of town athletic fields; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

MOTION MADE THAT THE SELECTBOARD BE REQUESTED TO COMMISSION AN ENGINEERING STUDY TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING TOWN OWNED TAX TITLE PROPERTY, LOCATED ON HILL STREET, INTO ATHLETIC FIELDS AND TO TAKE THE MONEY FROM THE C.D. BOYNTON TRUST FUND.

MOTION FAILED yes 53 no 82

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to change all police positions above the rank of patrolman to a salaried position with a minimum of 40 hours per week.

Article sponsored by: Citizen Petition

Selectboard recommends disapproval.

Finance committee recommends disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1995 (replace the shingles and storm windows on the left, right and back sides of the Town Hall), and to appropriate such balance in the amount of \$, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$, to construct a concrete foundation and supply and install a Firelock type of Data Protection System, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into all contracts and to perform all acts necessary to effectuate the same; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Selectboard

We do not have sufficient information at the time of this printing and will make our recommendation at the town meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following, or take any action thereon.

DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC

Section 1. Definitions

As used in this Bylaw, the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

COMPANY - Any person, business, partnership, corporation or other organization, entity or group of individuals including public service corporations, cable companies and other utility companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FLAGGERS -Any person trained in the control of traffic and work zone safety pursuant to standards adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

STREET - Way over which the public has the right of access in the Town Paxton.

Section 2. Use of Flaggers

A. Any Company authorized to construct, maintain, or make repairs in, over or under any street including construction, repairs, or maintenance to utilities along, under or through such street may employ Flaggers to direct and control traffic around such construction or maintenance site as long as no Paxton Police Officer is available to perform such work and use of Flaggers will

not impact or otherwise compromise public safety.

B. Flaggers shall keep on their person any certification received from the Board of Selectmen whenever working under this Bylaw.

SPONSORED BY: MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Selectboard recommends approval

Finance Committee recommends disapproval. We would recommend approval if flaggers could be used at any time and not just if the police were not available.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE WORDS "NO PAXTON POLICE OFFICER IS AVAILABLE TO PERFORM SUCH WORK AND", UNDER SECTION 2 PART A.

MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$9,400.00, or any other sum, for a new roof on the Public Works garage; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Department

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval. The roof leaks and should be repaired.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$9,400.00 FOR A NEW ROOF ON THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$38,950.00, or any other sum, to purchase two material spreaders, two plow frames, and one snowplow to equip two new trucks for the Public Works Department and sell the 1972 and 1973 Mack trucks and credit the proceeds against the purchase price of the new equipment; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Department

Selectboard recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$38,950.00 TO PURCHASE ITEMS, AS STATED IN THE ABOVE ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to put in the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

The sums available for this article would change depending on the votes of previous articles. We favor this article and will make a recommendation as to the amount at the town meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PUT INTO THE STABILIZATION FUND.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

The sums available for this article would change depending on the votes of previous articles. We favor this article and will make a recommendation as to the amount at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required By-Laws, seven days at least before day set for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of May, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Schur, Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Vice-Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

MEETING DISSOLVED 11:00 PM

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:50 PM. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THROUGHOUT. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING WERE: THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, DREW HOWARD, GERARD BERNIER, STEVEN SOSNOFF.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, May 20, 1996 at 7:30 P.M., then and there to act on the following article:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Wachusett Regional School District and other member towns of the Regional School District, whereby any excise taxes or personal property taxes collected by a member Town from the storage of school buses owned or leased by a contractor who is under contract with the Wachusett Regional School District shall be remitted to the Wachusett Regional School District to be apportioned, pursuant to Section 4 of the Amended Regional School District Agreement, amongst all the member towns on the basis of student population as a credit on the annual assessment letter sent to the member towns, or to act or do anything relative thereon. The approval by the Town Meeting of this Article shall be contingent upon the approval and authorization of town meeting votes of all the other member towns. After passage of article, it will be presented to State Legislature for approval; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District

Selectmen recommend approval.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, seven days at least before day set for holding said meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AS PRINTED ABOVE.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of May, 1996.
Respectfully submitted.

Peter M. Schur, Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Vice-Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:55 PM TO RECONVENE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

Report of the Board Of Selectmen

The Fiscal Year 1995-1996 has seen many changes and new problems for your Selectboard. Mandates imposed by Federal and State departments have created demands on the Town of Paxton that sometimes seem insurmountable.

A DEP ruling that the Town provide filtered and treated water for its water customers has created a new spirit of cooperation between Worcester and Paxton. Your Selectboard has invested hours of work and study to create financial arrangements and a contract fair to both parties which will allow the Town to purchase clean water from Worcester. The alternative to such an arrangement is building our own filtration plant. We are close to agreement, hopefully the new system will be on line in the early summer of 1996.

A shortage of additional classroom space and the pressing need for immediate maintenance resulted in a decision by the Town to add classrooms and refurbish the Center School building. The project should satisfy our school needs for many years. The School Study Committee has done a commendable job in their preliminary planning. But again, State mandates have caused numerous stumbling blocks. Hopefully all necessary plans and financing will soon fall into place.

Formal performance evaluations for Police Officers were instituted this year. These appraisals will provide a basis for judging the effectiveness of our Police Department employees. Also, an employment contract for the Chief of Police is being formulated which will provide the Chief with the Town's job performance expectations and a measure of job security for the Chief.

A continuation of the search for possible athletic fields was undertaken. At this time, there are no plans to locate fields on any of the sites studied. Your Board welcomes any suggestions from townspeople of possible sites for athletic fields. Future studies will be undertaken.

The Town Hall has been completely re-sided and repaired on the outside, lending a much nicer aesthetic look to the center of town. The next building badly in need of repair is the White Building. The exterior is becoming unsightly and the windows no longer fit properly.

The Highway Department is continuing to resurface town roads that drastically need repair. Grove Street is currently on the engineering drawing board for rebuilding. The State will provide the necessary funding for the project. Two new dump trucks equipped with liquid salt sanders will be on the road this winter. These should enable our Highway Department to accomplish their job more quickly. A new Mechanic/Operator has been hired. By having him repair town vehicles when possible, repair costs have been reduced. Having an additional Operator has also eased the workload of the Department, allowing it more time to complete projects.

This year we had the Town's finances audited by the firm of Hirbour and Haynes. Their report stated that the Town's books were in good order with no irregularities.

A drug and alcohol testing program was implemented this year by the town for the testing of all CDL licensed employees.

All Police and Fire personnel have been inoculated for Hepatitis B. This will provide a measure of safety for them when dealing with injured citizens.

E911 emergency equipment was installed and is operational at this time, giving our townspeople more protection in time of an emergency. E911 allows the Emergency Dispatchers to automatically know the source of requests for help.

The Selectboard is currently working on the upgrading of Town Hall management. A new phone system has been installed with voice mailboxes for all departments. No longer should busy signals be common, and messages can be left after hours to be reviewed later during regular business hours. We are also, with the help of the Personnel Advisory Board, changing the operation of the town hall by eliminating two job titles and creating the two new positions consisting of one full time Town Coordinator, and one Assistant Coordinator who will also serve as the Selectboard's part time Secretary. The rewritten job descriptions will allow the town hall to be open for business five days a week.

Finally, one very important thing for Paxton residents to remember, if there is something you question or if you need information regarding town government, please contact one of your Selectboard members for the proper answer. Half-truths and rumors do not help our town function properly. We are elected by you, and in order to do the job for which you have elected us, we need your input.

Ronald Edward Johnson, Chairman
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman
Joseph W. McKay, Clerk

Report of the Finance Committee

This year the citizens of the Town of Paxton were exposed to long term needs that would have to be addressed in the very near future.

The first of these needs had to do with our elementary school. The population of school age children has been expanding for several years now and is projected to continue. The school had run out of space for classrooms. We have rented temporary classrooms as a stop-gap measure. Additional, permanent classrooms have to be constructed and equipped. State Aid is available for school construction but there is a waiting list and Paxton must start its construction shortly. We authorized the school to borrow the money needed and apply for the state aid. The town was successful in getting on the "waiting list" for State Aid this year and we will use the proceeds from the State to repay a large portion of the borrowing.

The second major spending project concerned new Federal requirements in regards to the quality of our drinking water. All drinking water from a reservoir must now be filtered before it is sold to the public. The cost of such a filtration plant for Paxton was estimated at approximately two million dollars (\$1,670.00 per household presently using town water). The filtration plant would also have to be equipped and maintained. The citizens of Paxton opted for a less costly alternative. The City of Worcester had just build a large filtration plant to bring it into compliance with the same Federal requirement. The Town of Paxton will enter into an agreement to purchase filtered water from Worcester. Paxton will be required to build and equip a pumping station to get the water into our distribution system, but we are talking about a much more manageable capital expenditure. Paxton will own its reservoir but Worcester may draw a certain amount of water annually.

We have also been made aware of a need to repair our town pool and build much needed athletic fields. Many citizens are volunteering their time and energy to expand the offering of after school activities for our children. Proper facilities must be made available to continue this volunteering and eliminate scheduling problems that infringe on the volunteers available time.

Your Finance Committee will be working with the Board of Selectmen and the various town departments to develop a cohesive, long range plan for Paxton.

Your Finance Committee

Elaine O. Bafaro
Arthur R. Baldwin III
Roger J. Brunelle Esq.
Christian W. de Marcken
David F. Jillette
Evelyn W. Lawler, Secretary
John E. Lucey, Chairman
Jay Snell, Vice Chairman
Frederick Sosnoff

Report of the Planning Board

This has been a very busy year for the Planning Board. During the last fiscal year, three preliminary subdivision plans have been filed, three definitive subdivision plans, and approximately six plans not involving subdivision approval. The three definitive subdivision plans each required a public hearing, some of which extended over two or three meetings.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday of each month. Anyone wishing to be on the agenda may contact Carol J. Goodrich between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 753-2804.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PAXTON PLANNING BOARD

Richard J. Pentland, Chairman

Stephen P. Bik

Barry Feldman

Zarvin Kasparian

Chris Baehrecke

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals continue to hold hearings when needed. Applications for special permits, and variances may be obtained at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Richard J. Dowd

Neil Collins

Allen Rubin

Richard Grensavitch

John F. Hurley

Alternates

George Cagan

Howard Gewandter

Kay Sears

Report of the Board of Assessors

As of January 1, 1995 for fiscal year 1996 the total valuation of Paxton's taxable property was \$230,473,265.00, a net increase of \$2,855,425.00, 1.25%.

New Construction, additions, and alterations increased the valuation by \$4,553,425. Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessors amounted to \$441,800. Relisting and

other adjustments decreased the valuation an additional \$1,256,200.00.

James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman
Susan P. Corcoran
Sherburne B. Rockwell, III

The following tables show comparative statistics for the last three years regarding the tax rate recap, exemptions and abatements granted on real estate and motor vehicle excise taxes, and a breakdown of property classification.

Assessors office is open 9 A.M. - 12 Noon, Monday through Thursday. The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

TABLE 1 TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

	FY96	%INC.	FY95	%INC.	FY94
EXPENDITURES					
Appropriations to be raised	\$4,485,722.00		\$4,414,417.00		\$4,552,171.04
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$90,857.00		\$72,900.00		\$184,035.95
Offset items	\$17,997.00		\$5,287.00		\$6,469.00
Retirement	\$82,387.00		\$77,504.00		\$64,808.00
State Tax & Assessments	\$43,321.00		\$46,651.00		\$54,905.00
Tax Title	\$5,000.00		\$0.00		\$6,000.00
Overlay	\$33,243.16		\$40,943.58		\$34,486.71
Deficits Prior Years	\$0.00		\$208.38		\$0.00
Final Court Judgements	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$34,566.88
 Gross Amount to Be Raised	 \$4,758,527.16	 2.2%	 \$4,657,910.96	 -5.7%	 \$4,937,442.58
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$348,474.00		\$344,169.00		\$726,947.00
Motor Vehicles Excise	\$340,000.00		\$269,000.00		\$275,000.00
Water Department	\$161,000.00		\$154,000.00		\$164,300.00
Other Local Receipts	\$167,000.00		\$133,000.00		\$121,300.00
Available Funds-Revenue Sharing	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Available Funds-Free Cash	\$130,884.00		\$224,369.00		\$219,269.00
Available Funds-Other	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$71,066.95
 Total Estimated Receipts	 \$1,147,358.00	 2.0%	 \$1,124,538.00	 -28.7%	 \$1,577,882.95
 Net Amount to be Raised	 \$3,611,169.16	 2.2%	 \$3,533,372.96	 5.2%	 \$3,359,559.63
 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	 \$3,696,189.00	 4.0%	 \$3,555,548.00	 5.8%	 \$3,361,028.00
VALUATIONS:					
Real Estate	\$227,192,300.00		\$224,639,000.00		\$240,967,000.00
Personal Property	\$3,280,965.00		\$2,978,840.00		\$2,898,369.00
 Total Taxable Property	 \$230,473,265.00	 1.3%	 \$227,617,840.00	 -6.7%	 \$243,865,369.00
TAX RATES:					
Residential	\$15.74	0.9%	\$15.60	12.6%	\$13.85
Open Space	\$12.60		\$12.48		\$11.08
Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property	\$15.67		\$15.52		\$13.78

TABLE II

EXEMPTION, ABATEMENTS, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	FY96		FY95		FY94	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
EXEMPTIONS						
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	5	\$875.00	5	\$875.00	5	\$875.00
Clause 22: Veterans	39	\$6,825.00	43	\$7,525.00	43	\$7,875.00
Clause 37: Blind	7	\$3,062.50	7	\$3,062.50	7	\$3,062.50
Clause 41: Elderly	18	\$9,000.00	18	\$9,000.00	21	\$10,500.00
Clause 41A Deferred Taxes	1	\$1,116.50				
Total	70	\$20,879.00	73	\$20,462.50	76	\$22,312.50
ABATEMENTS:						
Real Estate	10	\$9,113.77	30	\$7,377.24	20	\$12,353.95
Personal Property	1	\$156.70	5	\$283.52	2	\$28.64
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	223	\$10,719.17	275	\$16,389.73	247	\$11,445.28
Total	234	\$19,989.64	310	\$24,050.49	269	\$23,827.87
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:						
Bills Processed	3,974	\$347,527.74	4,029	\$355,726.24	3,873	\$280,770.70
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$336,808.57		\$339,336.51		\$269,325.42

TABLE III

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

	FY96	FY95	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	%
Residential	\$215,018,600.00	\$212,224,900.00	\$2,793,700.00,	1.3%
Open Space	\$5,015,700.00	\$5,340,100.00	(324,400.00)	-6.1%
Commercial	\$5,445,000.00	\$5,431,800.00	\$13,200.00	0.2%
Industrial	\$1,713,000.00	\$1,642,200.00	\$70,800.00	4.3%
Personal Property	\$3,280,965.00	\$2,978,840.00	\$302,125.00	10.1%
Total Taxable Property	\$230,473,265.00	\$227,617,840.00	\$2,855,425.00	1.3%
Exempt Property	\$26,792,900.00	\$26,634,800.00	\$158,100.00	0.6%
Total Valuation	\$257,266,165.00	\$254,252,640.00	\$3,013,525.00	1.2%

Report of the Communications Board

After long anticipation, the Paxton Communications Center implemented the Massachusetts Enhanced 911 System in March of 1996. This new system required each dispatcher to go through sixteen hours of intense training to learn its operation. E-911 automatically allows dispatchers to view vital information on its screen (such as the caller's name, address and telephone number), which is not always accessible through normal telephone lines and conversation. Paxton dispatchers now have more advanced ways of communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing through a built in Teletypewriter Device. Residents who have disabilities, (speech impediment, life support systems, or blindness, etc.) can, if they have not already, register at the dispatch center so when 911 is dialed from such a residence, the disability will also appear on the system's screen. This additional information is kept strictly confidential.

The Paxton Communications Center is open 24 hours a day to receive telephone and radio calls for police, fire, medical, highway, light and animal control. It is staffed with a full-time chief dispatcher, full-time night dispatcher and six part-time dispatchers. All dispatchers work very hard to provide the utmost professional and courteous services.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dispatchers for giving 110% and the Communication's Board for their continuous support and guidance.

The Paxton Communications Center's activity for Fiscal Year 1996 was as follows:

Police	11,230
Fire	829
Medical	158
Dispatch/General Info	3,219 (694 hang ups/ wrong numbers)
Highway	428*
Light	267*
Animal Control	530
Total Calls Received	16,661

* Indicates: Does not include calls made directly to that department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly S. Faucher, Chief Dispatcher

Paxton Communications Board:
Harold L. Smith, Chairman, Light Dept.
Paul H., Palumbo, Public Works Dept.
Robert B. DesRosiers, Police Dept.
Brian C. Murphy, Fire Dept.
Charles J. Glassbrenner, Water Board
Donald G. Cardinal, Civil Defense,
At-Large Member
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk,
At-Large Member

Report of the Building Inspector

As your building inspector, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all persons concerned for the cooperation you have given me this past year. The following is a list of permits for the year 1996:

New Homes	16
Additions	3
Alterations	9
Sheds	4
Pools	10
2 Car Garages	1
Decks	5
Sun Room	2
Woodstoves	12
Occupancy	14
Certificates of Inspection	20
Barns	2

Anyone wishing a Building Permit application may find them available at the Town Hall between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The Building Inspector's hours are MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY mornings from 9:00 A.M. to ?

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond V. Kauppila
Building Inspector

Report of the Tree Warden

This past year I have managed again to stay within my budget, not an easy task when the trees do not stop growing or dying. I responded to thirty-three requests for trimming deadwood, low hanging branches and intersection overgrowth. Fifty-seven dead trees were removed, twenty-eight trees trimmed and eleven trees planted.

Next time you ride through another town or city, notice all

the dead stumps and tree trunks along the side of the road. You won't find that in Paxton.

Sincerely,

Patrick V. Smith, Tree Warden

Report of the Historical Commission

Meetings: Open to the public, the second Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm at the White Building, Historical Commission Room

With strong efforts from both current and former volunteer members of the Paxton Historical Commission two major projects, in progress for many years, have been successfully completed.

The commission has finalized the Residential Town Survey of houses which were build prior to 1850 and other historical landmarks. This survey has been filed with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston and will become part of the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth.

The other major undertaking is the Inventory of Center Cemetery. This inventory includes a complete record of all inscriptions of the stones and markers that exist in the cemetery. A completed map and catalogue will be on file at Town Hall for record and location reference.

Display cases acquired in the past have been fully furnished by members with historical artifacts donated to the commission. These display cases remain in the White Building and the public is urged to come view them at the open monthly meetings.

On going projects include;

- Continual preservation of postcards, maps, town notices, photographs, and other historic documents are matted and framed as budget allows.

- Certain cemetery stones at Center Cemetery are being repaired with help from the Cemetery Commission, after discovering their poor condition.

- Cataloguing of historic records, and other artifacts the commission acquires is always in progress and is kept on record at the White Building.

- Inquiries for information of family names, and other records are continually researched for the general public.

The commission is currently in need of two members to

operate at full-board membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gardner and Jason P. Fanning,
Co-Chairs

Report of the Cultural Council

The Cultural Council was granted \$3,150 by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission for 1995-1996. The same amount has been granted for 1996-1997. The following programs were funded for 1995-1996.

Free admission passes to the following museums through the Richards Memorial Library

Higgins Armory
Worcester Art Museum
Boston Museum of Fine Arts
Historic Deerfield Museum
Isabella Steward Gardner Museum

With the Paxton Center School and the PTO

"Mapping the World by Heart"
"History Alive-Cry Innocent"
PASS program tickets to the Boston Ballet "Nut-cracker Suite"

With Friends of Moore State Park

Funding for the folk concert as part of the fall festival

With the Paxton Girl Scouts Council

Trip to see the Life play at the Theater on the Mount

With the Council on Aging

"The amazing Amusing Gordina, Magician"

The Cultural Council is pleased to welcome 4 new members this year. We encourage all residents to take advantage of these many programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Erskine, Chair
Carrie Grinstead, Secretary
Martha Akstin, Treasurer
Denise Sosnoff
Sheila Estabrook
Mary Jo Moynihan

Report of the Conservation Commission

During the past year the Conservation Commission met monthly, and devoted most of its time to ensuring compliance of local projects with the Wetlands Protection Act. During this time the Commission received and acted on four Requests for Determination of Applicability and ten Notices of Intent. The Commission also issued two Certificates of Compliance and one Enforcement Order. One or more members of the Commission visited over 40 properties to check whether wetlands issues were involved, to verify wetland delineations, to evaluate proposed wetland replications or to check for wetland violations. Informal hearings or discussions were held for several additional parcels, and we continued to monitor numerous ongoing projects for compliance. Several members of the Commission participated in workshops designed to improve knowledge of the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act, including the recent revisions to these regulations and streamlined procedures for identifying wetlands. The Commission provided blue spruce seedlings for all 4th graders at the Paxton Center School.

Previous Commission member and secretary Kay Kingsbury resigned during the year and previous associate member Susan Barry was appointed as a new member. Continuing Commissioners include Robert Stewart (chair), Robert Bertin (vice-chair), Inge Baehrecke, Barbara Berka, Carol Harris, and Janice Stewart. Associate members include Matthew Erskine and Kay Kingsbury.

The Commission continues to meet at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month, and members of the public are welcomed to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stewart, Chair

Report of the Cemetery Commission July 1, 1996

Effective this date the cost for cemetery lots and grave openings are as follows:

CEMETERY LOTS:

2 Grave Lot	\$400.00
3 Grave Lot	600.00
4 Grave Lot	800.00
6 Grave Lot	1200.00

1 Grave Lot available by special permission

OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	300.00
Weekends	450.00
Holidays	450.00

CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
Weekends	250.00
Holidays	300.00

INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	100.00
Weekends	150.00
Holidays	150.00

Lots are available to all town residents and former residents, and may be purchased at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk or Town Services Coordinator, Tel: 753-2803.

An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Cemetery Commission
Ross E. Johnson
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman
Richard H. Sears

Report of the Municipal Light Commission

Conversion of the distribution system is nearly complete. Only a section of Grove Street, from Pleasant to Maple, and the side streets off that section remain to be finished. The conversion project is expected to be completed in 1996 with the dismantling of the Asnebumskit Substation.

The Light Commission continues to work and plan for future rate stability. Management is developing strategies to meet any state and federal requirements that may be imposed upon us to facilitate restructuring for open competition in the electric industry.

Customer service and quality power supply at the lowest possible cost remain our top priorities. During the calendar year 1995, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$8500 in services and materials to benefit various departments of the Town of Paxton. We continue to seek ways to expand efficiencies for the benefit of residents and businesses in Paxton.

The Light Commission meets each month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome.

In an effort to save space and printing costs, the footnotes and supplemental report of our auditors have been omitted from the town report. Copies are available at the Light Department office which is open from 9 AM to 4 PM, weekdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Smith, Manager

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Commissioners

Paxton Municipal Light Department

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paxton Municipal Light Department of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1994 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also included assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Paxton Municipal Light Department and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, and the results of its operation and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Paxton Municipal Light Department of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

James F. Goulet & Associates, P.C.

PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheets
December 31, 1995 and 1994

ASSETS		
	1995	1994
ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANT:		
Distribution plant, at cost	\$2,442,526.	\$2,369,055.
General plant, at cost	517,536.	498,310.
Total Electric Utility Plant	2,960,062.	2,867,365.
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,970,068.	1,850,375.
Net Electric Utility Plant	989,994.	1,016,990.

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS:

Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Depreciation Fund	261,143.	220,813.

CURRENT ASSETS:

Operating cash	373,345.	606,286.
Customers' meter deposits	27,575.	27,600.
Petty cash	200.	200.
Customer accounts receivable	131,942.	77,265.
Other accounts receivable	4,432.	25,520.
Materials and supplies	95,602.	98,736.
Prepayments	638,987.	486,479.
Total Current Assets	1,272,083.	1,322,086.

DEFERRED DEBITS

Other deferred debits	-0-	800.
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,523,220.	\$2,560,689.
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PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheets
December 31, 1995 and 1994

CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

	1995	1994
CAPITALIZATION:		
Unappropriated Retained Earnings	\$2,171,563.	\$2,086,819.
Contribution in Aid of Construction	137,518.	137,518.
Total Capitalization	2,309,081.	2,224,337.
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	176,900.	301,340.
Accrued Expenses	9,664.	7,412.
Customer Deposits	27,575.	27,600.
Total Current Liabilities	214,139.	336,352.
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	\$2,523,220.	\$2,560,689.

PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Statements of Income and Unappropriated Retained Earnings
For The Years Ended December 31, 1995 and 1994

	1995	1994
OPERATING INCOME	\$2,036,279.	\$1,952,098.
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operations and Maintenance Exp.	1,881,142.	1,806,930.
Depreciation	143,326.	111,322.
Total Operating Expenses	2,024,468.	1,918,252.

OPERATING INCOME	11,811.	33,846.
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Investment Income	72,665.	48,623.
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	1,892.	714.
Interest Expense	(1,624.)	(1,682.)
Total Other Income (Expense)	72,933.	47,655.
NET INCOME	84,744.	81,501.

UNAPPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS,		
Beginning of Year	2,086,819.	1,880,907.
Legal Settlement - EMEC	-0-	124,411.

UNAPPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS,		
End of Year	\$2,171,563.	\$2,086,819.

PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
Statements of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended December 31, 1995 and 1994

	1995	1994
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$84,744.	\$81,501.

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided
by (used in) operating activities:

Depreciation	143,326.	111,322.
Proceeds from legal settlement - EMEC-0-		124,411.
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Customer deposits	25.	1,285.
Accounts receivable	(54,677.)	29,898.
Accounts receivable - other	21,088.	(20,664.)
Prepayments	(152,508.)	9,729.
Materials and supplies	3,134.	(4,805.)
Deferred debits	800.	4,800.
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(124,440.)	3,967.
Customer deposits	(25.)	(1,285.)
Accrued expenses	2,252.	(1,437.)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(76,281.)	338,722.

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to plant	(116,330.)	(93,816.)

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(192,611.)	244,906.
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	827,099.	582,193.
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$634,488.	\$827,099.
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for interest	\$1,624.	\$1,682.

Report of the Fire Department

The total number of emergency incidents remained about the same as recent years, at 90. The majority of these were for reported structure fires, and most of these the results of activation of alarms. The most significant of these took place on October 23rd at 4:50 AM when a serious fire gutted the Paxton Pub, causing damage which necessitated it's being leveled. On January 5th at 8:40 PM a fire was reported at Anna Maria College's dormitory building. Upon arrival the basement and portion of the first floor had heavy smoke condition. Fortunately it was early evening and the school was still on break so only five students were occupying the building. Mutual Aid was immediately summoned from three communities. The fire was soon located in the basement communications room and confined to a small box fan. It generated a huge amount of toxic smoke and heat which damaged some of the nearby communications equipment.

We provided Mutual Aid to Worcester Airport four times. Leicester three times, Holden and Spencer once. I felt it necessary during one of the severe snow storms to place a standby crew in the station to provide an extra measure of assurance that at least one piece of apparatus could immediately respond if the need arose.

Training is always a major part of what we regularly do and this year we supplemented it both with Massachusetts Fire Academy Courses, a disaster drill at Worcester Airport, as well as training by the manufacturers representative on our new engine one. Recertification training was held for all our drivers/operators.

The new Engine #1 arrived late in October and was placed in service once a majority of our operators had the opportunity to complete the familiarization training as well as individually operate it in each of its applications. It is a first class piece of equipment which will serve this community well into the 21st Century.

The new engine, the upcoming delivery of the Rescue Truck and the installation of the 911 telephone equipment has placed a strain on the available space in the station. The antique wagon had been stored elsewhere and it is now necessary to do the same with the Forestry pickup. With the cooperation of the Public Works Department the deteriorating parking lot was paved. Less than a year, I feel, before it disappeared entirely. The Fire

Fighters Association assisted in the restoration of the landscaping at the station, and these two improvements enhance the overall appearance of the site.

Carbon Monoxide detectors are becoming prevalent in the community and in the interest of public safety, the department purchased the necessary and expensive equipment to respond to alarm activation's and determine with a high degree of reliability if a condition exists which might endanger the occupants. Meanwhile I urge owners to acquaint themselves with their equipment, keep the accompanying tech data and follow the manufacturers instructions.

Paxton experienced, once again, an extremely fire safe year. This was in great part due to the care and attention of the residents to fire safety, the cooperative interaction of the various town departments and the dedication and performance of the members of your fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy
Chief of Department

Report of the First Responders

The First Responder group of the Paxton Fire Department responded to 148 medical emergencies during fiscal year 1995. This represents the highest number of responses since the group was organized in 1978. Being a strictly on call service, this large number of responses has raised the members commitment to their community. The Fire Chief and I would like to thank the members for their extra efforts during the last twelve months.

During the past year our emphasis was on continual training for the members of the First Responder team, re-certifying in CPR, Semi-Automatic Defibrillator and First Responder First Aid.

The members of the First Responder group during FY96 were as follows:

Michael Benoit, Lieut.	Chuck Pignatore
Jay Conte, Lieut.	Mike Putnam, Lieut.
Thomas Ducharme	Brian Murphy, Chief
Richard Gaffney	Kevin Quinn
Todd Girouard	Patrick Robinson
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief	Rusty Savignac
Tim Pierce	

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Fire Chief
Michael J. Benoit, Lieutenant

Report of the Board of Health

During fiscal year 1995-96 the Board of Health collected fees for and completed 20 new percolation tests, 25 repairs were investigated, 16 Title V related complaints issued, 12 food permits, and 52 disposal permits.

Trash/Recycling Contract: BFI has performed well in general. Our original contract with BFI allowed for only modest increases in fees paid by the town. Concerns about holiday pick up schedule changes have been addressed. If you have any questions about service, BFI can be called directly at (508) 791-8900.

Recycling: We still have room for improvement. Paxton has a convenient, efficient program, but we still do not have 100% participation. Recycling is mandatory. The board is considering it's options to encourage those that do not participate fully in our recycling efforts to do so. We pay a fee for every ton of trash collected. Recyclables in the trash burden the taxpayers with unnecessary added expense.

The Board of Health has secured a \$100,000 state grant to help low to average income residents repair their septic systems. Six applicants have been approved to date for low interest loans to repair their septic systems. Funds are still available. Please give the Board of Health a call if you are interested in this program. As loans are paid off the original grant money is recycled and becomes available for future applicants from the Town of Paxton, so keep this program in mind if you have septic problems and cannot afford to deal with it on your own.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Carroll
Chairman

Report of the Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee goals for FY 96 were met as follows:

An EARTHDAY collection of paper, plastics, metals, bicycles, appliances, furniture, tires, paints and batteries was again held in the Spring in Holden with an invitation extended to residents of Paxton, many of who turned out to take advantage of this great opportunity to clear out "difficult to dispose of" items.

A collection system for small, home-use rechargeable Ni-Cd batteries is now in place in the Town Hall. This is in addition to the button batteries currently being collected at the Senior Center, Town Hall and Light Dept.

A grant of forty compost bins from the State was received and from the sale of these, a second order of forty was purchased,

some of which are still available. A seminar on the assembly of the bins and literature and a video on their use was held at the Paxton Light Department building. Many thanks to the PLD for the use of their facility. The use of the composting bins, the chipping of Christmas trees by the DPW and Light Dept. and the program of accepting leaves for composting at the Moreland Cemetery site are important ways to recycle natural materials in a meaningful way.

The trash and recycling pickup by BFI is much improved with the recycling pickup of chipboard, corrugated cardboard and small-necked plastics in addition to the glass, cans and newspaper previously collected. The ability to dispose of furniture items, old fencing and metal (all properly sized) is a welcome addition to the trash collection. The State also provided the 1996-1997 recycling schedules that were sent to all residents.

The Recycling Committee continues to work with the Board of Health to find ways to address the needs of Paxton residents in disposing and recycling of trash and other unwanted items. Dispersing information to residents is most important and for this we would like to thank Richard Hafey of the Telegram and Gazette, The Landmark of Holden and the Paxton Lions Club for the use of their newsletter "PAXTONotes".

The Recycling Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Anyone interested in or with concerns about recycling is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Herron, chairman
Diane Dillman
Nancy Stangle
Michelle Benoit
George Friedman
Harold Slovin

Report of the Public Works Department

The second apportionment of State Chapter 85 money has allowed us to replace a 1972 and a 1973 Mack truck respectively. Both of these vehicles were used in the winter months for sanding and plowing and were considered no longer dependable as emergency vehicles. These trucks were replaced with two 1997 International trucks which will be equipped with new stainless steel sanders and liquid calcium tanks that will help improve road conditions throughout the winter season. Using the remainder of Chapter 33 State money, a section of Richards Avenue was paved this year.

Also this year we have reinstated the position we have been short for seven years with a mechanic. Not only will our

mechanic be maintaining Public Works equipment, but he will also do basic repairs to Police Department cruisers and other Town vehicles, therefore helping to reduce departmental maintenance repair bills.

The Water Department has been in negotiations with the City of Worcester regarding the purchase of filtered water from the City's new filtration plant. This will be a savings of an estimated three million dollars for the purpose of building a water filtration plant as mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Town reservoir, Asnebumskit Pond, which is an inadequate water supply for the Town today. We have been under a water moratorium since November 1986; no new water hook-ups have been allowed and any new construction required a well. Hopefully this will be resolved in the very near future.

We had eighteen burials at Moreland Cemetery this past fiscal year.

Last year we had hoped that with the drought conditions seen, we wouldn't have a severe winter. As we all know that wasn't the case. In the last four years since I have been the D.P.W. Director, we have broken snowfall records two out of four years. Last year was the one that broke the camel's back with 170" snowfall!

As always we thank the residents for their patience and co-operation throughout the year and hope that this year will be a bit more normal.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Palumbo
Public Works Superintendent

Report of the Board of Registrars

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law.

New Totals	August 28, 1996
Republican	444
Democrat	550
Unenrolled	1427
Total	2421

Voting is held in the Cafeteria of the Paxton Center School which is handicapped accessible. Town Hall is also accessible for Voter Registration.

In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk at 799-7347 for an appointment, the Registrars will go to the home to facilitate Voting.

Board of Registrars

Ann F. Cunningham, Chairman
Charlotte McDougall
Jean M. McIntyre
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

Report of the Richards Memorial Library WINTER

Sunday	closed	Wednesday	9-12, 1-5
Monday	closed	Thursday	1-8
Tuesday	1-8	Friday	9-12, 1-5
		Saturday	10-4

SUMMER

Sunday	closed	Wednesday	1-5
Monday	closed	Thursday	1-5, 7-9
Tuesday	1-5, 7-9	Friday	1-5
		Saturday	closed

Trustees meet at 7:00 on the first Tuesday of the month at the library.

We had another record year with circulation increasing 5% to 65,358. During the year we registered 385 new library borrowers. Giving us a total of 1953 registered patrons. Our collection now includes 27,157 materials, including books, videos, museum passes, CD's and CD-ROMS.

This was a year for several remodeling and renewing projects. Exterior trim was painted and needed repairs done. Inside, extra lights were added to an inadequately lit area. The biggest, most dramatic change was the new carpeting. A gift from the Friends, the carpeting has brightened and freshened the library's appearance.

A State grant has provided the library with a computer that will be used for internet access. Ultranet, a local internet provider, is donating internet access to all libraries within their service area. Thus the library will soon be providing full graphic internet access to our patrons.

Funds from the Paxton Arts Lottery provided passes to New England Science Center, Higgins Armory, Worcester Art Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Historic Deerfield. In addition, a contribution from the Friends along with patron donations was used to purchase a pass to Boston Museum of Science. All of these passes are avail-

able to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Porter
Librarian

Report of the Police Department

Fiscal year 1996 was a very busy one for the Paxton Police Department.

Through out the year, the Police Department continued to focus efforts on community policing. Many programs were conducted at the Police station and in other locations in Paxton for groups of community members on personal safety, bicycle safety, school bus safety, finger printing, dealing with strangers, and the effects of drugs and alcohol. Police Officers also assisted with Eagle Scout projects and merit badges.

The DARE Program was implemented to grade 5 Paxton Center School students again this fiscal year. Additionally, DARE Officer Phillip Martin implemented a "refresher" program to grade 8 students on the effects of alcohol and drugs.

The past year was once again a very successful year for the Paxton Police Department in the receipt of grant funds from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. The Police Department prepared a grant proposal and received \$7,800.00 from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for the purchase of equipment; we prepared and submitted the necessary paperwork therefore receiving an additional \$318.00 reimbursement to the Town of Paxton for the body armor purchased for all Police Officers in 1994, (a total of \$5,598.00 was reimbursed between fiscal 1995 and fiscal 1996); a grant proposal was prepared and submitted and \$6,750.00 was received from the Executive Office of Public Safety for Community Policing Programs; and \$7,980.00 was received from the Executive Office of Public Safety for the DARE Program.

Grant funds have been instrumental in providing monies to the Paxton Police Department for equipment and programming which otherwise would not be possible for the Department to provide due to budget constraints and limitations. We are very fortunate and grateful for these grant awards. We began actively seeking grant fund awards in fiscal 1995 and we plan to continue to actively seek grant funds to enhance community programming, Police Officer training programs and equipment.

We continue to encourage the community to become involved with your Police Department. We welcome and encourage you to call on us for any issues or concerns. We continue to proudly serve the community of Paxton.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996:

PAXTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1996 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

9	Abandoned Auto
4	Accident (Hit & Run)
13	Accident (Personal Injury)
65	Accident (Motor Vehicle/Property Damage)
357	Alarms (Burglar/Holdup)
97	Arrests
15	Assaults/Assault & Battery
8	Breaking & Entering (Motor Vehicle)
12	Breaking & Entering (Residence or Business)
637	Criminal Offenses Investigated
67	Criminal Offenses Prosecuted
302	Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted
95	Disturbance Calls
55	Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Order
9	Drug/Narcotic Violations
114	Fire Calls Responded to (Including Alarms)
4,312	General Information Calls to Police (Citizens & Other Agencies)
269	House Checks
27	Larcenies Investigated
76	Lockouts Handled
3	Loitering
43	Lost or Found Property Incidents Handled
158	Medical Emergencies Responded to
3	Mental Health/Section 12
3	Missing Persons Reported
1,789	Motor Vehicle Citations Issued
2	Motor Vehicle Recovered
2,865	Motor Vehicle Stops
2	Motor Vehicle Theft
1	Mutual Aid Assists (Non Police Agencies)
35	Mutual Aid Responses to Area Towns
43	Open Door/Window
3	Persons Placed in Protective Custody (Intoxication/Mental Illness)
43	Property Lost/Found
2	Public Drinking
123	Public Service Calls
17	Rubbish Dumping
3	Runaway
1	Sex Offenses
71	Soliciting
4	Suicide Attempts
55	Summons & Warrants Served/Processed
647	Suspicious Persons, Motor Vehicles or Incidents Investigated
45	Telephone Complaints (Annoying, Threatening, Harassing)
6	Threats/Harassment Investigated
108	Traffic Safety Complaints Handled

10	Trespassing Incidents
1	Unattended Death
19	Vandalism/Malicious Mischief Incidents Investigations

\$35,180.21 Generated and returned to the town of Paxton as a result of report requests, parking tickets, permits, citations and court prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Ahearn
Chief of Police

Report of the Dog Officer

During fiscal year 95-96 over 417 various types of calls pertaining to dogs, and 113 various types of calls pertaining to other animals were handled.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind all residents that their dog should be restrained at all times. Any owner found in violation of dog by-laws may be punished by a fine for each offense.

All dogs and cats 6 months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed by April 30 of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Peter Warren, Jr., Dog Officer

Report of the Recreation Commission

As in the past years we are still faced with a shortage of field space. Compounding this issue is the new addition to the Center School which will eliminate the Babe Ruth field. With the assistance of James Fasser our hired landscape architect we designed a new field by moving the diamond back behind the pool fence. This new location worked out very well until we obtained the final dimensions of the new school addition from the Architect which made our efforts moot. After meeting with the School Facilities Committee several times about our dilemma with the Babe Ruth field, they informed us that their concerns were with the new school addition only. They have refused to support our efforts to replace the Babe Ruth field. We have also learned that the new septic system for the school will most likely be installed in recreation land in the vicinity of the tennis court.

It is possible that we may lose our only tennis court, although we haven't been able to obtain much information on this new development.

On November 29, 1995 we retained NorthEast Aquatic Design for consulting services to deal with the conditions of the pool. After reviewing the history and conditions of the pool and the responses by town residents to a questionnaire, our consultant has designed a two pool complex. One shallow pool for children and a second pool for adults and lap swimming. Unfortunately because of other pressing issues in town we haven't been able to present this proposal to the towns people. Hopefully we will be able to do this at the annual town meeting in May.

Although the pool problems are on going we were able to open for the 1996 season for general use, swimming lessons and recreation programs.

Our Director Kathy Spodick has been doing an excellent job. She has worked very hard implementing new programs and improving on the existing ones. Kathys rapport with the staff is evident with the success of all our programs.

We thank Tom Savage for his years of dedicated service as a Commission member and welcome Rob Rockwell our new member.

Our regular meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. Meeting dates and agendas are posted at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paxton Recreation Commission
Chris Stone
Denis Melican
Bob Dateo
John Ahern
Rob Rockwell

Report of the Plumbing Inspector

Plumbing permits are available at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The fee for permits is \$50.00 per inspection. There were 34 plumbing permits and 8 gas permits issued for fiscal 1996. New and renovated property must be inspected by law for plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Harney
Plumbing Inspector

Report of the Wiring Inspector

Permits issued to Paxton Light Department for temporary and permanent electricity:	40
New Homes Completed	23
Additions and Miscellaneous	53
Total Inspections and Reinspections	145

Apply for permits at the Town Hall where the fee schedule is available, or when not available at 190 West. St.

Please be prepared to show an electrician license for us to copy and an insurance certificate.

The Wiring Inspector may be reached at his home between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (754-6136)

To protect lives and/or property, all wiring whether it is done by the home owner or a licensed electrician, by law must apply for a permit and inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren P. Lederer
Wiring Inspector

Report of the Water Board

The Water Board has finally concluded the long search for a new water source that meets DEP's criteria for water quality. The city of Worcester has agreed to sell us water. The negotiations of the final contract with Worcester should be concluded in the Fall of 1996. The water connection with Worcester will occur most likely in the Spring of 1997. The successful conclusion of the contract will result in the removal of the hookup moratorium so that new hookups can occur.

Worcester has a state of the art water treatment plant that will go on line in the Fall of 1997. The bad taste of Worcester water will eventually be an item of history.

Report of the Council on Aging

The January 1, 1996 census included 559 residents age 55-69 and 470 residents 70 and over for a total of 1,030.

Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the White Building - Senior Center. Senior Center office hours are Monday and Wednesday 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.; Tuesday and Thursday 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

We do referrals on all human services such as housing, elder home care, health clinics, and educational speakers. Our Intergenerational Program is ongoing with the Paxton Center School. The expanded services, programs and activities at the Senior Center is possible due to the dedication of the many dependable and willing volunteers.

A S.H.I.N.E. Program (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) was started this year. A trained and certified Counselor will be available to see Seniors from Paxton, Leicester and Rutland at the Paxton Senior Center - all appointments are Private and Confidential.

The Paxton Senior Van is in service Monday through Friday. It provides medical transportation, local shopping and banking, special events in the area and lunch three times a week to the Senior Center. Mobility impaired residents of Paxton are provided medical transportation by SCM Elderbus, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. McIntyre
Chairman, Council on Aging

Report of the Town Collector

Prior Years Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$75.00	
Recommitted	\$1,516.27	
Refunded	\$6.65	
Collected		\$1,597.92
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$0.00
	\$1,597.92	\$1,597.92

1994 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$2,636.75	
Committed	\$859.58	
Refunded	\$57.50	
Collected		\$1,817.35
Abated		\$1,736.48
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$0.00
	\$3,553.83	\$3,553.83

1995 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$18,193.20	
Committed	\$46,838.16	
Refunded	\$3,425.75	
Collected		\$60,910.15
Abated		\$3,795.81
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$3,751.15
	\$68,457.11	\$68,457.11

1996 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	\$298,313.73	
Refunded	\$3,346.32	
Collected		\$282,354.22
Abated		\$5,186.88
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$14,118.95
	\$301,660.05	\$301,660.05

1996 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$7,335.05	
Collected		\$7,335.05
	\$7,335.05	\$7,335.05

1996 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	\$538.00	
Collected		\$538.00
	\$538.00	\$538.00

1996 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$800.81	
Tax Title		\$800.81
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$0.00
	\$800.81	\$800.81

1996 Fiscal Water Lien

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$84.30	
Committed	\$882.84	
Collected		\$819.56
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$147.58
	\$967.14	\$967.14

1995 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$214.91	
Collected		\$193.66
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$21.25
	\$214.91	\$214.91

1996 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$51,412.72	
Refunded	\$108.10	
Collected		\$51,080.17
Abated		\$156.70
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$283.95
	\$51,520.82	\$51,520.82

1993 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$1,148.39	
Tax Title		\$1,148.39
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$0.00
	\$1,148.39	\$1,148.39

1994 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$2,086.67	
Refunded	\$207.57	
Collected		\$493.74
Tax Title		\$1,800.50
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$0.00
	\$2,294.24	\$2,294.24

1995 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1995	\$72,290.09	
Refunded	\$649.71	
Collected		\$61,130.29
Tax Title		\$8,881.08
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$2,928.43
	\$72,939.80	\$72,939.80

1996 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$3,559,756.51	
Refunded	\$1,948.94	
Collected		\$3,455,296.56
Abated		\$28,876.27
Deferred		\$1,116.50
Tax Title		\$16,501.97
Outstanding June 30, 1996		\$59,914.15
	\$3,561,705.45	\$3,561,705.45

1996 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	\$13,023.24
Interest Received From Collector's Account	\$3,482.52
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	\$3,475.00
Parking Fees	\$105.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$4,760.00
Return Check Fees	\$225.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$640.00
Water & Electric Lien Fees	\$350.00
Deputy Collector Fees	\$3,027.00

Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$154,197.83
Installation and Repairs	\$80.00

OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris E. Huard
Town Collector**Report of the
Town Treasurer****Operating Cash**

Balance, July 1, 1995	1,782,757.97
Receipts for the Year	7,828,650.31
Payments for the Year	(7,834,453.86)
Balance June 30, 1996	1,776,954.42

Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 1996

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	1,610,733.83
NOW Accounts	(32,371.32)
Money Market Accounts	198,591.91
Total	1,776,954.42

Interest and Dividend Income

Town Operating	41,954.41
Electric Operating	24,750.14
Electric Depreciation	12,375.11
Cemetery	8,731.67
Library	6,445.19
Tax Title	3,072.37
Other	5,800.12
Total	103,129.01

Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 1996

	Non Spendable	Spendable
Richards Memorial Library		
Trust (Book Value)	47,927.13	0.00
V. Howland Library Trust	10,000.00	0.00
Other Library Trusts	19,178.87	0.00
Cemetery Trusts	166,268.44	0.00
Village Improvements	1,000.00	1,610.85
C.D. Boynton Poor Fund	1,000.00	8,866.85
C.D. Boynton Gen. Purpose	7,675.00	30,068.78
Stabilization	0.00	14,800.81
Income from WWII War Bonds	0.00	3,681.55
Conservation	0.00	24,934.15
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00	0.00
AT&T Library Stock		
(Book Value)	6,426.00	0.00
Hazel Gay Fund	393.15	0.00

Report of the Town Accountant July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

RECEIPTS 96F

Taxes & Excises	3,949,793.67
Driveway Bonds Held	6,000.00
Water Department	152,390.64
Treasurer's Tailings	-128.42
Revolving Accounts:	
Fisheries & Wildlife	6,375.25
Police Parking Tickets	105.00
Police Private Duty	27,274.13
Police DARE, Gifts/Grants	39,735.00
Upper Blackstone District	617.01
Recreation	17,942.18
Dog Licenses for County	2,350.50
Composting Bins	1,520.00
Title V Septic System Repairs	5,064.34
Cable TV	4,910.79
State Aid	307,329.70
Deputy Collector Fees	3,027.00
Holden Dist. Hosp. Fund	13,984.00
Employee Withholdings	135,464.22
Highway Loans	449,734.00
Special Revenue Funds:	
Conservation	1,207.50
Elder Affairs Formula 95/96	2,410.00
Project We Care Elderly	2,100.00
Arts Lottery Grant	3,357.50
Library State Aid	6,491.87
Special Articles:	
Town Hall Siding	45,000.00
Water Van	17,500.00
Voting Machine	6,000.00
Capitol Projects Fund:	
Paxton Center School	200,000.00
Local Receipts:	
General Government Fees	157,295.95
Police Court Fees	29,898.50
Cemetery Opening Graves	3,075.00
Collector's/Treasurer's Interest	45,436.93
Tax Title Interest	3,072.37
Tax Title Offset Charges	1,124.00
Interest on MV Excise	1,519.48
Interest on RE & PP	11,503.76
Paxton Municipal Light Dept.	2,072,167.92
Paxton Municipal Light Meter Deposits	3,768.00
Paxton Municipal Light Interest	43,700.53
Offsets to Appropriations	33,223.51
Trust Funds:	
Library Investment Income	6,407.19
V.E. Howland Investment Income	84.00
Cemetery Investment Income	8,731.67
Hazel Gay School Fund	30.00

E.D. Bigelow School Fund 55.62
Total Receipts 7,828,650.31

DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes & Excise Refunds	9,611.07
Water Refunds	59.97
Encumbered Funds	16,131.41
Wor. Cty. Retirement System	54,185.00
County Tax	6,377.04
Tax Title	4,421.02
Revolving Accounts:	
Dog Fund for Library Use	236.78
Fisheries & Wildlife	6,375.25
Police Private Duty	27,921.88
Police DARE Gifts/Grants	28,864.26
Police Special Grants/Gifts	7,957.42
Collector's Demands	598.00
Upper Blackstone Waste District	896.61
Cable TV	2,383.07
Recreation	35,543.75
Dog Licenses for County	305.50
Special Revenue Funds:	
Highway Loans	268,341.03
Historical Commission	165.00
Library State Aid	2,305.48
Elder Affairs Formula 94/95	60.00
Elder Affairs Formula 95/96	1,515.00
Elder-Project We Care	7,655.49
Arts Lottery	450.00
Composting Bins	1,147.20
Cons. Wetland Prot. Fund	224.14
Deputy Collector Fees	3,504.00
Driveway Bonds Refunded	6,500.00
Local Receipts Refunded	460.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,050.00
Employee Withholdings	135,336.38
Paxton Light Department	2,295,661.76
PEL Meter Deposits	4,268.00
Special Articles:	
Town Hall Windows Art 18/94	193.51
Town Hall Siding Art 12/95	41,889.00
Town Hall Copy Machine Art 20/95	4,970.00
Mortell Hwy. Signage Art. 24/94	1,236.04
Fire Truck Art. 7/94	183,745.48
Fire Breathing Apparatus	6,000.00
Police Cruiser	23,525.00
Water Dept. Van	17,500.00
Water Art 8/96	13,000.00
Police Station Repairs Art 15/95	4,799.55
Repair Wentworth Pool Art 3/95	349.59
Voting Machine Article Art 5/96	5,831.04

Book Document Conservation Art 6/96	1,959.00
Hepatitis Shots Art 1/96	4,300.00
Recreation Fields Art 2/93	5,757.95
Capital Projects Funds:	
Paxton School Renovations & Addition	214,320.50
Pumping Station Land Art 11/96	20,000.00
Trust Funds:	
V.E. Howland Int. for Lib. Opers.	275.48
Library Investment Income	12,403.22
Cemetery Investment Income	3,294.37
Hazel Gay School Fund	30.00
Appropriations	4,336,562.07
Total Disbursements	7,834,453.86

APPROPRIATIONS

1996 Fiscal

Appropriations

Transfers/Receipts

Expended

Moderator	215.00	208.20
Selectboard	23,879.00	23,879.00
Town Svrs. Coordinator	14,594.59	14,529.77
Finance Board	1,145.00	1,080.00
Town Accountant	16,749.00	16,048.11
Assessors	38,093.00	32,421.92
Town Treasurer	22,328.00	22,319.23
Town Collector	26,108.36	26,102.17
Legal	15,560.00	15,525.61
Personnel Board	100.00	100.00
Regional Planning Assessment	691.00	690.26
Town Clerk	8,150.00	8,150.00
Elections	2,993.00	2,659.84
Registrars	2,065.00	1,730.02
Conservation Committee	1,545.00	1,063.58
Planning Board	1,306.52	1,233.32
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,781.24	1,781.24
Public Prop. & Bldgs.	26,155.46	26,155.46
Insurance & Bonds	65,000.00	44,192.00
Town Reports & Warrants	3,250.00	3,025.80
Town Clock	351.00	211.88
Police Department	339,966.80	325,539.59
Fire Department	80,145.00	80,145.00
Ambulance Service Contract	9,600.00	9,600.00
First Responders	16,680.00	16,670.38
Building Inspector	5,256.00	5,234.38
Plumbing Inspector	1,870.00	1,870.00
Electrical Inspector	2,740.00	2,740.00
Civil Defense	100.00	-0-
Dog Officer	5,267.07	5,267.07
Forestry	900.00	840.00
Tree Warden	3,720.00	3,720.00
Communications Center	88,124.00	87,414.77
Dept. of Public Works	416,269.94	416,269.94
Streetlighting	16,320.00	16,320.00
Refuse Collection	170,070.00	165,537.37
Water Department	70,391.27	70,391.27

Board of Health	2,102.50	2,004.57
Sanitary Inspector	6,978.00	6,978.00
Inspector of Animals	200.00	200.00
Wachusett Community Health		
Care Assessment	2,000.00	1,500.00
Council on Aging	13,992.00	13,992.00
Veteran's Services	700.00	200.00
Library	83,585.30	83,585.30
Recreation	50,184.00	50,184.00
Historical Commission	160.00	153.44
Celebrations	1,956.00	991.51
Debt Service Principal and Interest	267,427.00	229,426.50
Employer Retirement & Health Insurance	127,000.00	102,758.71
Wach. Reg. School District	2,464,486.00	
97F Recap Adjustment	12,541.00	2,477,027.00
Reserve Fund	50,000.00	
Totals	4,582,792.05	4,419,668.21

TOWN OF PAXTON

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1996

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Accts.		
	General	Special Rev.	Capital Prjs.	Trust & Agcy	L/T Debt	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash & S/T Investments	1,776,954.42			338,405.58		2,115,360.00
Investments				6,426.00		6,426.00
Taxes Receivable - R.E. Liens, P.P.	124,423.98					124,423.98
Allowance for Abate & Exemptions		0.00				0.00
Taxes Receivable - MV All Yrs	17,730.63					17,730.63
Dept. Receivables	Water	9,270.79				9,270.79
	Paxton Light	92,978.89				92,978.89
Inter Fund Receivables		262,196.42	22,503.46	57,365.65		342,065.53
Amt. to be Provided for L/T Debt					598,500.00	598,500.00
Due Fr Comm of MA (Highway Loans)		153,761.50				153,761.50
Totals	2,021,358.71	415,957.92	22,503.46	402,197.23	598,500.00	3,460,517.32
LIABILITIES						
Temporary Notes Payable - School Addition			200,000.00			200,000.00
Warrants Payable	85,992.54					85,992.54
Payroll Deductions	127.84					127.84
Other Liabilities	13,135.91					13,135.91
Interfund Payables	342,065.53					342,065.53
Deferred Revenues	244,404.29	23,642.97				268,047.26
Bonds & Notes Payable					598,500.00	598,500.00
Paxton Light Reserve For Meter Deposits	26,250.00					26,250.00
Temporary Highway Loans Due Bank		291,984.00				291,984.00
Totals	711,976.11	315,626.97	200,000.00	0.00	598,500.00	1,826,103.08
FUND BALANCES						
Reserved Trust Funds				387,396.42		387,396.42
Reserved Other		100,330.95	(200,000.00)			(99,669.05)
Reserved for Utility Oper Depr & Const	599,315.62					599,315.62
Continuing Appr.						
Designated for Future Yrs	25,212.58		22,503.46			47,716.04
Undesignated F/B - Stabilization	654,854.40			14,800.81		669,655.21
Reserved F/B For Stabilization	30,000.00					30,000.00
F/B Reserved for F/C Tax Rate Reduction 97F	0.00					0.00
Reserve for Abate & Exemptions	0.00					0.00
Totals	1,309,382.60	100,330.95	(177,496.54)	402,197.23		1,634,414.24
Totals	2,021,358.71	415,957.92	22,503.46	402,197.23	598,500.00	3,460,517.32

PAXTON PAYROLL

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	41,538.46
David Ahlin	6,073.07
Erik Baldwin	34,113.12
Brian Boulette	6,605.07
Robert DesRosiers	35,493.92
Kevin Drolet	30,831.06
Michael Jennings	23,672.31
William Lang	28,966.62
Phillip Martin	30,905.40
William Reilly	8,607.45
William Sampson	1,320.90
Robert Sheehan	4,484.83
Patrick Smith	7,039.28
Mary Stone	7,881.03
Rosemary Warren	16,178.76

TOWN HALL

Thomas Carroll	100.00
Susan Corcoran	10,148.00
Ann Cunningham	100.00
Francis Fanning	100.00
Charles Glassbrenner	225.00
Carol Goodrich	7,071.51
Timothy Hackett	200.00
Robert Hall	150.00
Dennis Harney	715.00
June Herron	25,456.48
Doris Huard	31,616.00
Ronald Johnson	1,262.00
Raymond Kauppila	5,185.50
Kathryn Kingsbury	595.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Warren Lederer	2,490.00
Charlotte MacDougall	100.00
Joseph McKay	1,262.00
Joseph Mikielian	6,978.00
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	200.00
Maness Price, Jr.	150.00
Mark Richardson	100.00
Sherb Rockwell, III	1,716.00
Joanne Savignac	5,289.44
Barbara Scholl	16,106.00
Peter Schur	1,536.00
Kathleen Sears	1,779.12
Scott Siemen	100.00
Victoria Smith	475.00
James Stone, Jr.	10,851.00
Robert Thompson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	4,550.00
Alan Wentworth	81.00
Scott Wilson	5,438.97

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Carrie Aitken	319.12
Faye Blanchard	598.19
Adrienne Chlavaroll	479.13
Kristin Collins	664.89
Ryan Curtis	564.08
Julie Faneuf	1,585.50
Mario Fratantonio	388.19
Joyce Gamache	3,184.50
Jennifer Gunderman	3,285.00
Francis Henderson, III	543.82
David Howard	809.52
Eli Huard	430.26
Erika Huard	225.00
Tamara Jung	546.01
Jill Kashuk	1,358.84
Amy Keefe	756.00
Kevin Keefe	3,083.88
Scott Keefe	909.70
Carolyn Kennen	561.69
Kathleen Lock	932.75
Joseph Markiewicz	947.78
Jean McIntyre	610.00
Tara McRae	711.13
Robert Mercer, III	1,831.50
Lynne Murray	1,217.88
Kristina Newman	1,760.75
Kelly Paquin	56.00
Marcie Pierce	365.52
Meggen Rayla	2,722.94
Mark Roberge	1,617.01
Michael Rowe, Jr.	116.88
Kelly Savage	302.82
Kathleen Spodick	9,810.48
Melissa Stine	317.25
Nancy Stine	683.44
Lawrence Wentzell, Jr.	217.00
Warren Wright	336.82

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Scott Annunziata	2,173.14
Richard Appley	6,906.18
Renee Bacon	95.90
Charles Bolster, Jr.	1,094.66
Donald Brickman, Jr.	21,762.76
Aimee Carlson	3,970.59
Kimberly Faucher	22,108.60
Todd Girouard	2,541.78
Amy Gross	4,281.20
Timothy Howe	208.24
Sherrie Legendre	741.06
Matthew Saunders	8,798.82
Thomas Savage, Jr.	8,495.56
Robert Thomas, Jr.	2,691.88

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matthew Bassick	323.11
Michael Benoit	4,594.15
Gregory Bernier	808.59
Paul Cavanaugh	980.70
Jason Clarke	728.31
Brian Clockedile	670.14
Patrick Collins	448.14
Jay Conte	5,128.65
Thomas Cunningham	3,687.76
Thomas Ducharme	958.26
Brian Faucher	296.06
Richard Gaffney	2,629.65
Mark Girouard	836.42
Todd Girouard	1,607.75
Michael Goyette	901.24
Kenneth Grensavitch	357.24
Timothy Hackett	491.14
James Hansson	773.97
Richard Jenkins	6,266.25
Brian Killelea	888.58
Jason Leonard	152.22
Robert Martin	1,060.52
Patrick Mullaney	580.64
Brian Murphy	8,367.90
James Olson	942.14
Timothy Pierce	799.69
Charles Pingitore	1,751.13
Michael Putnam	4,444.33
Kevin Quinn	2,190.39
Patrick Robinson	1,038.79
Thomas Savage, Jr.	1,481.53
Raymond Savignac	2,238.96
Richard Sears	512.96
Orville Sheldon	1,804.30
Keith Stamatakis	8.81
Matthew Stone	985.49
Joel Szczepanek	908.30
Douglas Warren	325.56
B. Peter Warren	806.14

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	20,168.32
Arnold Childs	130.00
Eli Huard	2,600.00
Janet Porter	26,499.98
Kathleen Smith	4,309.65
Susan Sonju	6,428.33
Emily Towle	2,705.08

COUNCIL ON AGING

Edith Bishop	1,555.26
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Warren MacPhee	40.30
Frank Neiber	3,070.47
Doris Porter	10,055.34
Richard Sears	2,764.58

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

George Johnson	38,518.74
Samuel Knipe	33,974.73
Paul Palumbo	40,940.77
Rita Palumbo	6,825.90

Michael Putnam	35,119.22
Gary Richards	36,644.92
Jeffrey Richards	1,739.40
Doris Urbanovitch	120.60
Steven Urbanovitch	33,124.60

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	200.00
Warren Bock	200.00
Arnold Childs	4,925.50
Robert Dateo	3,696.00

Diane Dillman	34,979.93
Yvette Dumas	23,637.20
Joanne Hopkins	258.00
Richard Johnson	45,630.63
Ralph Kimball, Jr.	200.00
Harold Smith	56,699.87
Matthew Stone	7,128.00
Gordon Szczepanek	47,490.69
Joseph Thompson	38,427.41

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

The Wachusett Regional School District comprised of Kindergarten to 12th grades students from the towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling served 6128 students within a minimum state mandated net school spending of \$34,973,580. The district budget reflected a per pupil expenditure of \$5,827 which met the Department of Education Standard.

Under the leadership of Dr. Alfred D. Tutela, Superintendent of Schools, the district continued its unification mission. Labor contracts were negotiated with support staff and professional personnel resulting in sound management of the school district resources. The central office moved its location to a more business-like atmosphere in Princeton for greater expediency of daily operations.

The school committee continued its role of policy maker and overseer of the education plans described in the district goals and objectives. Curricula K-12 frameworks were adopted in the areas of Language Arts (English), Social Studies, and Science to an already established Mathematics curriculum. All frameworks reflect Massachusetts Department of Education guidelines derived from the Education Reform Act of 1993. A teacher curriculum guide and assessment program for the entire district will flow naturally from all the frameworks.

While a philosophy of education was being acted upon, the building facilities needs across the district was being evaluated. The school committee adopted the middle school concept prior to approving architectural designs for the towns of Paxton, Rutland and Sterling. The town of Holden is continuing to pursue its education facilities needs encompassing both local and

district requirements. The Paxton and Rutland school renovation plans were approved by the Commonwealth prior to the June 1 deadline allowing construction to begin. The Sterling Facilities Committee provided a district education experience for students in grades K-4 and 5-8 respectively in a state funded renovation project uniting both the Houghton and Chocksett schools allowing for an elementary and middle school environment. All projects in the district will serve the differing student age groups very well into the 21st century.

The role of the School Improvement Council continues to impact on the administrative decisions affecting the students. Site-based management and shared decision-making allows each town its unique approach to meeting the district goals and objectives. Parental involvement is evident and appreciated by the school committee and the administration. School improvement plans are well implemented.

The Wachusett Regional School District Committee continues its dedication to day-to-day technology application to real life experiences in every classroom in the district. Each year's accomplishments are a foundation to a better education experience involving all students and educators. The school committee, administrators, teaching and support staffs take great pride in contributing to the success and reputation of the Commonwealth's largest regional school district. Continued community support and participation is vital to the present and long-range progress of the Wachusett Regional School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman J. Plourde, Chairman
WRSDC

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The 1995-96 school year was the second year in which K-12 regionalization was fully implemented. The goals and policies established by the Wachusett Regional School Committee provided a more efficient and effective organization for the schools and increased opportunities for a successful school year for student achievement. School Committee policies and goals are available at town and school libraries.

The year-end summary report developed for the Massachusetts Department of Education provides statistical data of the region's student population (see Table 1). The following observations can be made concerning the table as compared to the student data for the 1994-95 school year, provided in the 1994-95 Annual Report:

- The School Committee served an average membership of 523 Kindergarten students and 5,572 grade 1-12 students, an overall increase of 243 students from the 1994-95 school year.
- Attendance for Kindergarten students ranged from 95.8% to 99% and averaged 96.5%, an increase of .4% over last year.
- Attendance in grades 1-12 averaged 94.9%, a decrease of .2% with a range of 92.4% to 96.7%.
- A total of 27 K-12 students were retained in grade, a decrease of 10 from the 1994-95 school year. Fourteen of the retained students were 12th graders who had not earned sufficient credits to graduate by June.
- Four students were excluded from school for unacceptable behaviors, no change from the 1994-95 school year.
- 499 students were suspended: 296 in-school suspensions, and 203 out-of school suspensions. This was a substantial increase over the 1994-95 school year which had a total of 436 suspensions, 249 in-school and 187 out-of-school. Overall, 63 more students were suspended than the previous year, 47 in-school and 16 out-of-school.
- Twenty-nine students dropped out, an increase of 10 from the previous year.

Of the 318 graduates, 130 reported going on to a public college, 136 to a private college, 29 to work, and 20 to other post-secondary schools and/or to the military, a slight change from the 1994-95 school year when 132 students reported going to a public college, 142 to a private college, 32 to work and 5 to other post secondary schools and/or to the military.

Curriculum expansion continued during the school year. The School Committee increased graduation requirements from 91 to 110 credits adding foreign language and fine arts requirements and increasing math and science requirements. Foreign language and music programs were expanded, providing all seventh graders with a foreign language experience and serving over 200 students in an after-school music instrumental program for elementary students. The School Committee substantially increased the number of computers for students and staff and added resource materials in its media centers and classrooms. In addition, teacher and parent-initiated programs implemented within the schools serviced over 1,000 students and adults.

The Metropolitan Achievement Test - Seventh Edition (MAT-7), a nationally normed standardized test, was implemented for the second year to gain a baseline data on how our students performed in comparison to other students in the country. Results of the test show the performance of grades 2-8 students in reading, math and language for the 1995-96 school year. While the average percentile ranking across the country is 50, students within the Wachusett Regional School District achieved average percentile levels of 70 and above. The scores represent 95% of the grades 2-8 school population; 5% of the population received either modified testing or were excluded depending on their individual needs. A full and complete Metropolitan Achievement Test assessment report by school and district is available at all town and school libraries.

The Wachusett Regional School Committee has established a goal that the WRSD shall implement a comprehensive, multidimensional assessment plan to determine student learning and outcomes, and the effectiveness of the systems and processes which directly and indirectly promote student learning and development. Information collected through implementation of the assessment plan will be used to: facilitate informed decision making; engage commitment and support for the mission and programs of the WRSD; and, act as a catalyst for continuous improvement within the Region.

The Metropolitan Achievement Test-Seven Edition (MAT-7) has been selected for use within the WRSD as the norm referenced achievement test component of the Multidimensional Assessment Plat (MAP). The MAT-7 was selected after careful review and comment due to its alignment with WRSD and national curriculum guidelines (i.e., NAEP, NCTM), sophisticated item presentation and response format requiring application of higher order thinking skills, reports which are easily understood, and utility for curriculum planning within schools and by Task Force groups.

The second annual administration of the Metropolitan Achievement Test - Seventh Edition (MAT-7) was conducted during May 1996. A total of 3,490 students in grades 2-8 were assessed reflecting an increase of 55 students over the 1995 administration. This reflected participation by 99% of students enrolled in WRSD grade 2-8 classes.

Approximately 1% of students enrolled were exempted from participating in the assessment program due to the severity of their special educational needs. Special needs students were allowed to participate in the assessment program under standard of modified test administration conditions at the discretion of the school special education teams. Approximately 4% of students enrolled in WRSD grade 2-8 classes required modified testing due to their special educational needs. Special education students needing modifications such as extended time, oral directions, repetitions of directions, or other adjustments could participate in the MAT-7 assessment program. Due to changes in the standard administration required to meet their special needs, test results for special education students tested under modified conditions were not included in the WRSD average scores. Results were reported to the students' schools for use in program planning. Approximately 95% of students enrolled in WRSD grades 2-8 were assessed with the MAT-7 under standard test administration conditions.

The numbers of students included within the standard administration continue at the high levels reported in 1995. This reflects a continued commitment to including as many WRSD students as possible within the assessment program.

The areas assessed continue to include the "Tools for Learning": reading vocabulary and comprehension; mathematics concepts and problem solving; and language skills for prewriting, composing, and editing. Additional areas added to the 1996 MAT-7 administration include: word recognition skills (grade 2 only), math procedures (computation), science, social studies, research skills, and thinking skills. This extends the scope of the assessment to provide a broader, more comprehensive picture of WRSD student achievement.

The results of the MAT-7 for WRSD grades 2-8 provide a "snapshot" of what students in these grades were capable of achieving at that point and time. The results compare Wachusett student performance to a national sample of students who took the same tests at the same time. Baseline information collected on student performance collected during the May 1995 administration of the MAT-7 provides a reference to assess changes and improvements in student academic skills. Results from the MAT-7 assessment continue to be used as a tool for curriculum planning.

Review of the District's MAT-7 results indicates that students within the Wachusett Region continue to demonstrate exceptionally high levels of competence on the "Tools for Learning" and the additional areas assessed. A few general observations can be made based upon review of the WRSD MAT-7 test results:

- The average percentile ranks for Wachusett Regional School District in grades 2-8 predominately fell within the 75-80 percentile range. Percentile scores falling in this range would be High Average to Above Average compared to the national reference group.

The WRSD results from the 1996 administration of the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) at grades 4, 8 and 10 continue to indicate a pattern of curriculum performance which is well above the Massachusetts average. WRSD scores in Reading, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies on the 1996 administration indicated generally high levels of performance compared to all schools in Massachusetts and when compared with schools having similar student populations. Stable levels of curriculum performance or gains in levels of curriculum performance were noted in Reading, Mathematics and Science. Small declines in Social Studies scores were noted at Grades 8 and 10. While these declines were not educationally significant, they warrant further review of WRSD social studies performance using other indicators.

Implementation of the WRSD multidimensional assessment plan over the past two school years provides additional information about student performance and curriculum which can be integrated with the MEAP results to provide a fuller, balanced picture of WRSD program and student proficiency. Information from other assessments of student achievement and academic proficiency (i.e. Metropolitan Achievement Test, Degrees of Reading Power, Scholastic Aptitude Test) will be merged and correlated with the WRSD 1996 MEAP results to facilitate further discussions about curriculums, standards for student performance, and program needs.

Review of MEAP results will also be conducted at the school level by building principals, professional staff, and school councils. Analyses of building level MEAP results will be incorporated with other indicators of student and program performance to support decision making about school programs and priorities for school improvement plans.

The Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program tests have provided information about program and curriculum performance. The MEAP has limited usefulness providing information about individual student proficiency. The proficiency levels reported with the MEAP reflect projected or predicted student proficiency rather than a direct measurement of individual student performance. Implementation of the new state mandated assessment program, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), will further strengthen the district's ability to examine program performance AND individual student proficiency. When combined with other measures of student performance used by the district, the MCAS will overcome the limitations of the MEAP.

Advances in the district's assessment processes, curriculum development and implementation, professional development, and modernization of facilities will continue to act as catalysts for continuous improvement towards excellence and world class performance.

The School Committee is working to institute K-12 curriculum requirements across the Region. The District has made substantial progress in curriculum development. The Commit-

tee has adopted curriculum frameworks in the areas of science, math, social studies, art, language arts, health and world languages. The District has established a Blue Ribbon Committee, composed of representative teachers, parents, administrators, and interested community members, to develop a proposed 6-12 regional approach for world languages. Task forces of teachers and administrators are developing teacher guides to parallel the frameworks and aid in instruction. A K-12 "Writing Across the Curriculum" program is being readied for publication. Teacher training programs are being planned which will provide all instructional staff with ideas and options to promote the incorporation of writing into all curricula areas.

Reading continues to be the most critical skill necessary to the success of all students. District focus is being placed on reading in the content areas. Students in grades 3, 5 and 8 will be assessed on their ability to utilize the written text in their learning with corrective interventions planned for those students who need assistance. Students will be better able to apply reading using various materials in their learning.

Individual learning systems, which aid students in strengthening their reading and/or math skills, have been implemented in elementary schools in grades 3 to 5. Additionally, an individualized learning system was implemented, on a pilot basis, for Kindergarten students at Houghton School. Staff reported such a high level of effectiveness that the system was expanded to grade 1 at Houghton School and introduced at grade 1 at Naquag Elementary School. The District will continue to monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the new system in improving student outcomes.

Time On Learning, a state requirement to ensure that each student receives a minimum amount of direct instruction, continues to be a focus of planning. Time On Learning requires 900 instructional hours for elementary students and 990 instructional hours for high school students, exclusive of lunch, recess, opening and end-of-day activities, and other non-instructional activities. By September 1997, only instruction in the core curriculum areas will be counted. The Time On Learning requirements will have a substantial impact on the high school facility and staff since study halls will no longer be available in a school that is already 95 plus % utilization.

The School District continues its entry into the Information Age at an accelerated pace. In addition to computer purchases, an electronic infrastructure was completed, which links all computers in the classroom and all schools to each other and the world-wide Internet. This allows real-time information collection and interaction between and among schools, classrooms, and the outside world. All teachers and administrators have electronic communications to access each other and, through the World Wide Web, colleagues and counterparts across the nation and around the world. Students now, similarly, have access to all other electronically connected stations, including thousands

of classrooms and an infinite number of resources to gain knowledge and to process information.

The Education Reform Act requires that each school district make a substantial commitment to professional development. The Wachusett Regional School District's Professional Development Program provides in excess of 400 hours of in-house learning opportunity to staff. In addition, every certified staff member has two full days committed to professional development at the school and district level. The Wachusett Regional School District collaborated with eleven other school districts and Fitchburg State College to provide over 200 additional program offerings to over 2,000 teachers on one professional development day. All of the District's education staff participated in this very successful experience.

The Region implemented a new financial management system to more effectively respond to increased financial requirements. This has enabled the School Committee and community to receive timely, accurate, and complete information on the financial status of the School District. The Committee now receives regular updates on cash flow, budget, revenue, expenditure and projection reports, and periodic revenue and expenditure projections. Sire-based managers now receive periodic reports on the status of their budgets and purchases. The increased flow of financial management information has better enabled the District to manage the public's funds.

The Wachusett Regional School Committee received \$36,425,878.24 of which \$34,011,910 was for net school spending (the state minimum requirement for education) and \$2,413,968.24 was for transportation and other non-state required spending (see Table 2). The District was also required by the state Department of Education to spend an additional \$962,822 on educational improvements, this amount being the carry over balance from FY95. Of the \$36,425,878.24, the state contributed \$13,953,288 to the operation of the School District for net school spending and transportation aid, the towns contributing \$22,277,454 and \$195,136.24 coming from other sources. Of the state's contribution for the operation of the School District, over \$4,000,000 is a direct benefit or regionalization.

Contributions made by the member towns for 1995-96 school year as compared to the 1994-95 school year were as follows:

Town Name	Minimum Local Contribution		Transportation & Other Expenditures			Total
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96
Holden	\$9,485,833	9,772,747	837,791	465,987	10,323,674	10,238,734
Paxton	2,313,856	2,363,670	202,078	113,357	2,515,934	2,477,027
Princeton	2,203,907	2,286,820	189,161	106,948	2,393,068	2,393,768
Rutland	2,824,417	2,450,276	302,344	169,258	3,126,761	2,619,534
Sterling	3,916,485	4,340,199	376,642	208,192	4,293,127	4,548,391
Total	\$20,744,548	\$21,213,712	\$1,908,016	\$1,063,742	\$22,652,564	\$22,277,454

Our town contributions decreased from \$22,652,564 to \$22,277,454 a net reduction of \$375,110. The reduction was the result of an \$844,274 decrease in local transportation and other contributions due to a change in the formula, a direct benefit of regionalization.

Expenditures for the School District are provided in Table 3. Of the District's net school spending requirement, a total of 75% is spent on personnel, 20.4% on non-salaried regular education expenditures, and 4.5% on non-salaried special education support. The District borrowed \$5.3 million in tax anticipation notes which was paid back during the year.

The Education Reform Act requires that all schools establish a school council as an advisory committee composed of representative parents, teachers, students and community members, who advise the principal on matters related to school budget, planning and operations concerns. Each school in the District now has a school council that works in cooperation with the principal to prepare a three year school improvement plan, which will be updated and presented to the School Committee annually. The Wachusett Regional School District is very fortunate to have so many actively engaged school councils. Copies of school improvement plans are available at the individual schools.

The District has also established a Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council with representative members from each school council in the District, which serves as an advisory body to the Superintendent. The Wachusett Regional School District presented its first school council workshop sponsored by the Superintendent's Parents Advisory Council, which was designed to train local school council members. Utilizing council members, principals and staff as presenters, the workshop provided attendees an opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of school councils and share ideas among school council members. The workshop provided the District an opportunity to highlight some of the unique programs being offered to our students. Open to the public, the workshop was very well received and has stimulated plans for a second workshop for the 1996-97 school year.

An articulation program for middle school students has been established to facilitate a familiarity between and among students from the towns prior to their entrance into high school. A middle school student advisory council has been instituted to gain student input and assistance in the planning of articulation projects.

Town police departments meet with school administration on a regular basis to establish protocols, coordinate activities, and provide support. Police chiefs have substantially increased their support and commitment to our schools through the established protocols. The DARE program (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) at each elementary school has been expanded to the high school. Additionally, police are serving as a support to the high school's driver education program, offering practical application and safety training to our students.

As we move into the 1996-97 school year, our primary concern will continue to be the facilities issues of both expansion, made necessary by the increase in enrollment, which has been growing by 100 plus students per year, the increased space needs at the High School as a result of Time On Learning, and the need to repair neglected buildings. The School Committee and towns have or are addressing some critical problems but substantial deficiencies remain.

The Town of Paxton voted to expand Paxton Center School by adding a middle school wing and by making renovations to the building. The Town of Rutland voted to build a new grades 5-8 middle school and to renovate the Naquag Elementary School building. The Town of Holden approved architectural fees to initiate the design for the construction of two K-5 elementary school buildings to replace three wooden structures, Jefferson, Rice and Chaffins Schools, and to renovate Dawson and Mountview Schools. Sterling approved funds for conceptual designs for substantial additions and modifications to the Houghton/Chocksett School. The Wachusett Regional School Committee has established a High School Facilities Advisory Committee to address the renovation needs of the 1954 high school building to accommodate building code educational improvement needs and the increase in projected enrollments.

Environmental issues of schools received considerable attention during the 1994-95 school year. Problems were identified at Thomas Prince, Mountview Middle School and the Naquag Primary Building, where air quality was determined to be unsatisfactory by the respective Boards of Health. A major maintenance effort at the three sites was undertaken to correct the problems in cooperation with town personnel and local boards of health.

Corrective actions taken at the Mountview Middle School are to be considered temporary in light of the fact that the duct work transferring the heated air is in need of substantial repair. The Holden School Building Committee, the Holden Board of Health and the Wachusett Regional School Committee have expressed commitment to raising the appropriate funds to correct the problem.

1995-96 was an unusually snowy year. It was necessary for the Region to close its doors on eight occasions; some think it should have been nine. This brought the school year into the last week of June.

In addition, for two days, Mountview Middle School and Wachusett Regional High School were closed early due to inclement weather so that buses could pick up elementary school children on time.

As we plan for the future of our growing region, we need to ensure that provision is made for adequate facilities for the students of the 21st Century. Due to lack of funds in the 1980's and early 1990's, "bricks" decayed in order to have money avail-

able for "books," resulting in facilities maintenance problems accruing to the point where millions of dollars in renovations and/or replacement are needed. The towns and the School Committee are affirmatively addressing these issues over the long term along with addressing the increased requirements of these facilities as a result of enrollment changes and educational requirements.

We thank you for your support of regionalization and the Wachusett Regional School Committee's efforts to enhance and expand opportunities for our children. I look forward to working with you for the benefit of the children of the Wachusett Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

1995-1996 D.O.E. Year End School Indicator Report Summary

	Dawson (K-5)	Chaffins (K-5)	Jefferson (K-5)	Rice (K-5)	Mountview (6-8)	Paxton Center (K-8)	Thomas Prince (K-8)	Naquag (K-8)	Chockset (K-2)	Houghton (3-8)	Wachusett RHS (9-12)	Region (K-12)	Region % Change 94/95 - 95/96
Kindergarten Average Present	81.8	34.5	41.8	38.31	n/a	58.1	47.7	95	107.9	n/a	n/a	505.1	0.4%
Kindergarten Ave. Membership	82.6	36	43.4	39.95	n/a	60.7	48.7	99.4	112.66	n/a	n/a	523.41	n/c
Kindergarten % Attendance	99.0%	95.8%	96.3%	95.9%	n/a	95.7%	97.9%	95.6%	95.8%	n/a	n/a	96.5%	
1-12 Average Present	456.1	217.92	207.4	227.6	616.5	429.3	394.8	657.6	194.99	530.09	1357.2	5289.5	4.0%
1-12 Ave. Membership	471.7	225.33	215.9	236.2	645.48	451.6	411.3	689.7	204.33	551.85	1468.7	5572.09	9.0%
1-12 % Attendance	96.7%	96.7%	96.1%	96.4%	95.5%	95.1%	96.0%	95.3%	95.4%	96.1%	92.4%	94.9%	
Students Retained In Grade	5th: 1	K: 2	None	1st-3rd: 2	None	1st: 1	None	1st-3rd: 2 7th-8th: 5	None	None	12th: 14	K-5th: 8 7th-8th: 5 12th: 14 TOTAL: 27	- 3 3 - 6 - 6
Students Excluded From School	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	8th: 1	10th: 3	8th: 1 10th: 3 TOTAL: 4	n/c n/c n/c
Students Suspended In-School	4th: 1	None	None	None	6th-8th: 4	PK-3: 1 4th-5th: 3 6th-8th: 27	8th: 1	PK-3: 2 5th: 1 6th-8th: 11	None	6th-8th: 8	9th-12th: 238	PK-3: 3 4th-5th: 5 6th-8th: 50 9th-12th: 238 TOTAL: 296	- 3 - 9 - 22 81 47
Student's Suspended Out-Of-School	4th: 1	5th: 1	None	PK-3: 1	6th-8th: 29	6th-8th: 3	8th: 1	PK-3: 3 4th-5th: 3 6th-8th: 15	None	6th-8th: 12	9th-12th: 134	PK-3: 4 4th-5th: 5 6th-8th: 60 9th-12th: 134 TOTAL: 203	1 - 6 - 31 52 16
School Dropouts	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	9th: 1 10th: 4 11th: 7 12th: 17 TOTAL: 29	9th: 1 10th: 4 11th: 7 12th: 17 TOTAL: 29	n/c 2 4 4 10
Plans of High School Graduates Class of 1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Public College: 130 Private College: 136 Other Post-Secondary: 14 Military: 6 Work: 29 Other: 3 TOTAL: 318	Public College: 130 Private College: 136 Other Post-Secondary: 14 Military: 6 Work: 29 Other: 3 TOTAL: 318	- 2 - 6 10 5 - 3 3 7

TABLE 1

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND REVENUE 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR

TYPE OF REVENUE	ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	%
NET SCHOOL SPENDING				
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:				
ASSESSMENT - HOLDEN	9,772,747.00	9,772,747.00	0.00	100.00%
ASSESSMENT - PAXTON	2,363,670.00	2,363,670.00	0.00	100.00%
ASSESSMENT - PRINCETON	2,286,820.00	2,286,820.00	0.00	100.00%
ASSESSMENT - RUTLAND	2,450,276.00	2,450,276.00	0.00	100.00%
ASSESSMENT - STERLING	4,340,199.00	4,340,199.00	0.00	100.00%
FROM STATE SOURCES:				
CHAPTER 70 REG SCHOOL AID	12,798,198.00	12,798,198.00	0.00	100.00%
SUB-TOTAL NSS REVENUE	34,011,910.00	34,011,910.00	0.00	
NON-NET SCHOOL SPENDING				
TRANSPORTATION:				
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:				
NON NSS ASSESS-HOLDEN	465,987.00	465,987.00	0.00	100.00%
NON NSS ASSESS-PAXTON	113,357.00	113,357.00	0.00	100.00%
NON NSS ASSESS-PRINCETON	106,948.00	106,948.00	0.00	100.00%
NON NSS ASSESS-RUTLAND	169,258.00	169,258.00	0.00	100.00%
NON NSS ASSESS-STERLING	208,192.00	208,192.00	0.00	100.00%
FROM STATE SOURCES:				
CHAPTER 71 REG SCHOOL TRANS	1,012,653.00	1,006,397.00	(6,256.00)	99.38%
CHAPTER 71B TRANSPORTATION	0.00	148,693.00	148,693.00	
MISCELLANEOUS:	0.00	195,136.24	195,136.24	
SUB-TOTAL NON NSS REVENUE	2,076,395.00	2,413,968.24	337,573.24	
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED	36,088,305.00	36,425,878.24	337,573.24	100.94%
TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN	5,300,000.00	5,300,000.00	0.00	100.00%
CARRYOVER BALANCE	962,822.00	962,822.00	0.00	100.00%
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	42,351,127.00	42,688,700.24	337,573.24	100.80%

TABLE 2

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

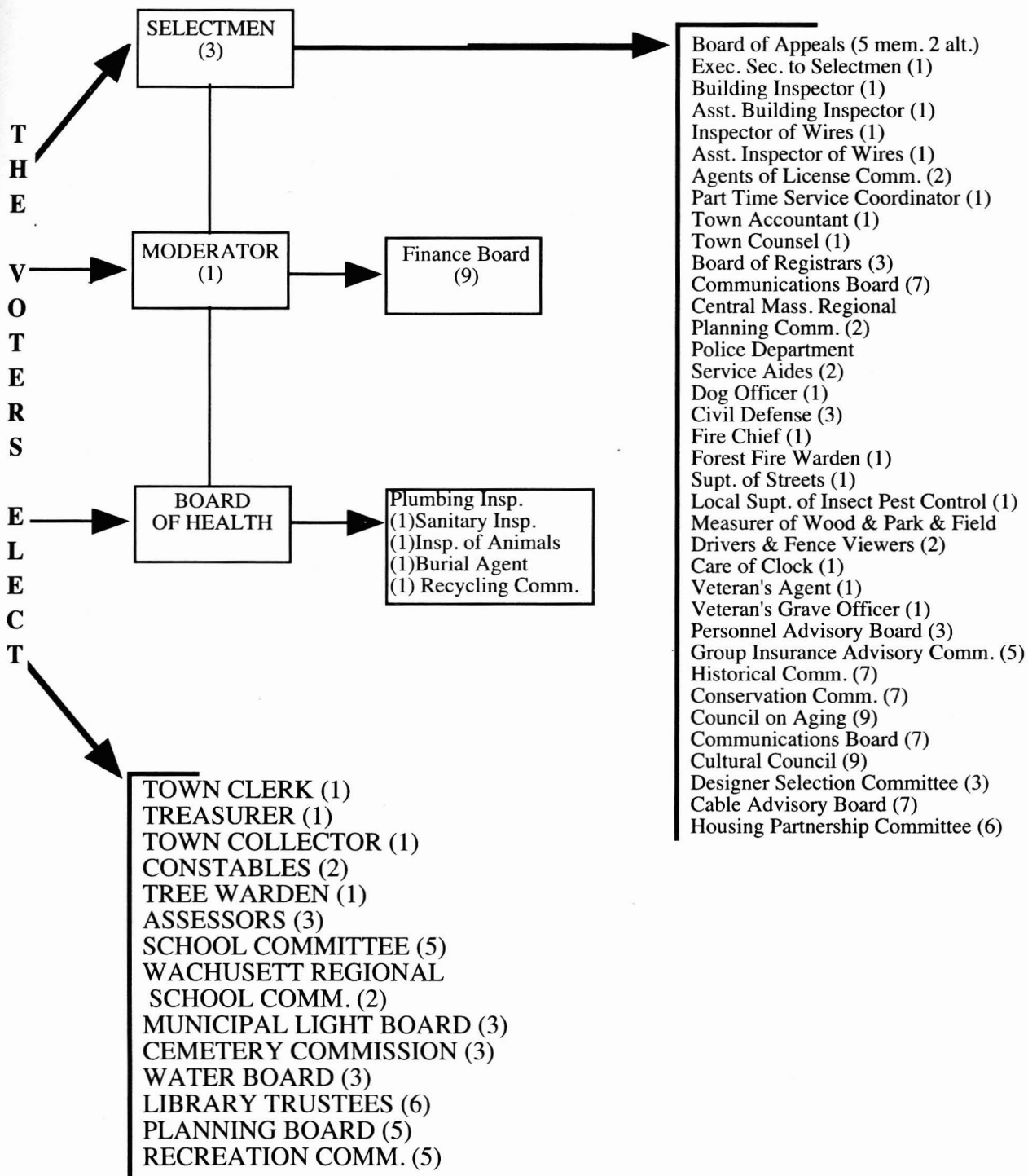
COST CENTER EXPENDITURES BY ALLOCATION CATEGORY FOR 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR

	WACHUSETT	CHAFFINS	DAWSON	JEFFERSON	MOUNTVIEW	RICE	PAXTON	PRINCETON	NAQUAG	STERLING	DISTRICT SPED	EARLY CHILDHOOD	CENTRAL OFFICE	TOTAL
PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES														
Salaries	6,559,602	900,626	1,766,376	930,091	2,456,190	923,974	1,723,683	1,612,183	2,291,018	2,535,430	470,394	231,623	851,368	23,252,556
Substitutes/Stipends	239,155	14,274	23,622	9,754	59,289	5,990	29,591	39,948	46,563	40,225	0	2,943	0	511,352
Benefits & Insurance (1)	690,219	102,118	205,745	94,185	263,113	114,014	199,169	189,595	264,178	299,768	26,977	25,598		2,474,678
TOTAL PERSONNEL	7,488,977	1,017,018	1,995,742	1,034,031	2,778,592	1,043,977	1,952,442	1,841,725	2,601,758	2,875,422	497,372	260,163	851,368	26,238,586
OTHER EXPENDITURES														
Schedule A-Regular Education														
District Administration (1)	11,448	1,716	3,622	1,743	4,591	1,957	3,440	3,284	5,027	5,620	445	512	330,593	374,000
Instructional Support	1,079,973	196,713	322,611	174,371	427,750	207,493	409,250	317,736	567,334	562,258	17,641	5,400	10,318	4,298,849
Fixed Charges (1)	7,573	1,082	32,688	1,082	2,954	1,178	51,084	2,087	66,200	75,764	301	281	66,558	308,832
Tuitions - Other Schools (2)	308,484	10,779	22,832	10,984	28,517	12,537	21,346	20,457	32,244	36,431	2,607	3,404	0	510,621
Heat & Utilities	199,857	27,286	53,097	32,845	76,773	22,803	66,684	79,932	90,837	91,007	0	0	2,319	743,439
Buildings & Grounds	128,375	45,346	62,094	65,878	85,436	71,380	39,397	42,431	74,987	67,805	0	0	52,622	735,749
Custodial Services	25,642	4,144	8,501	4,440	16,931	11,503	7,205	10,907	14,761	6,276	0	0	2,640	112,949
Athletics/Student Activities	50,413	0	100	0	3,429	0	2,159	1,888	3,046	1,591	0	0	0	62,626
SCHEDULE A TOTAL	1,811,764	287,066	505,545	291,344	646,381	328,851	600,565	478,721	854,436	846,751	20,995	9,597	465,050	7,147,066
Schedule B-Special Education														
Instructional Support	6,442	413	856	1,826	615	1,069	8,768	3,486	8,775	6,349	43,501	75	0	82,174
Fixed Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,020	0	0	16,020
Tuitions - Other Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,365,572	0	0	1,365,572
Professional Services	44,424	4,972	8,646	712	4,797	618	5,095	2,607	4,184	21,206	17,537	774	0	115,570
SCHEDULE B TOTAL	50,866	5,385	9,501	2,538	5,411	1,687	13,863	6,093	12,959	27,555	1,442,629	849	0	1,579,336
Schedule E-Vocational Education														
Instructional Support	9,744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,744
SCHEDULE E TOTAL	9,744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,744
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,872,374	292,451	515,046	293,882	651,792	330,538	614,427	484,814	867,395	874,306	1,463,624	10,446	465,050	8,736,146
APPROPRIATION	9,361,351	1,309,469	2,510,788	1,327,913	3,430,384	1,374,515	2,566,869	2,326,539	3,469,152	3,749,729	1,960,996	270,610	1,316,418	34,974,732
E&D ADJUSTMENT														
NET SCHOOL SPENDING	9,361,351	1,309,469	2,510,788	1,327,913	3,430,384	1,374,515	2,566,869	2,326,539	3,469,152	3,749,729	1,960,996	270,610	1,316,418	34,974,732
TRANSPORTATION	429,638	57,744	122,307	59,049	152,630	67,464	114,327	109,974	174,361	195,284	487,167	18,425	0	1,988,369
REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE													5,300,000	5,300,000
TOTAL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES	9,790,989	1,367,212	2,633,095	1,386,962	3,583,014	1,441,979	2,681,196	2,436,513	3,643,514	3,945,013	2,448,163	289,035	6,616,418	42,263,101

- (1) Denotes District expenditures allocated to Cost Center based on # of staff, not actual expenditure of Cost Center
 (2) Denotes District expenditures allocated to Cost Center based on # of students, not actual expenditure of Cost Center

TABLE 3

THE STRUCTURE OF PAXTON'S TOWN GOVERNMENT



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire 756-1400
Police 791-9296
Medical 791-9296

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:

791-6600

Open 24 hours/day to provide
 information and assistance
 to the residents of Paxton.

TOWN HALL OFFICES, 697 Pleasant St. Mon. - Fri. 9 - 4 753-2803

Part Time Town Service Coordinator — 12 - 4 p.m. — Carol Goodrich

Contact Town Service Coordinator for

Board of Appeals — Richard J. Dowd (Home) 755-3839

Board of Health — Tom Carroll (Home) 799-9713

Meet 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Building Inspector — Raymond Kauppila (Office) 753-2803

Office hours — Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings (Home) 795-0163

Planning Board —

Planning Board Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

Sanitary Inspector — Joseph Mikielian (Home) 791-0093

Plumbing Inspector — Dennis Harney (Home) 799-0392

Wire Inspector — Warren Lederer (Home) 754-6136

Call between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m, 5 - 9 p.m.

Conservation — Robert Stewart (Home) 799-9848

Commission meets 2nd Thursday of each month

Recreation — Christopher Stone (Home) 756-5367

Meets last Tuesday of each month

Water Board — Charles Glassbrenner (Home) 754-3636

Water Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month

Town Accountant — June T. Herron (Office) 799-7347

Town Clerk — June T. Herron (Office) 799-7347

Town Collector/Treasurer — Doris Huard (Office) 799-7347

Office Hours: Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Office) 799-7347

Assessors — James R. Stone, Chairman (Office) 799-7231

Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 9 a.m.. - 12 p.m.

Board meets 1st Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen — Secretary Barbara Scholl, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. .. (Office) 754-7638

Board meets 2nd & last Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman (Home) 757-9785

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman (Home) 798-3606

Joseph W. McKay, Clerk (Home) 752-5309

Historical Commission — Jason Fanning (Home) 756-7894

Laurie Gardner (Home) 757-0109

Tree Warden — Patrick Smith (Home) 757-2597

Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer - Peter Warren (Dispatch) 791-6600

Electric Light Dept., 578 Pleasant St. 756-9508

Commissioners meet second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Highway & Water Dept., 107 Holden Road 753-9077

Council on Aging Senior Citizen Center 756-2833

Jean McTyre, Chairman (Home) 799-5185

Board Meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Veterans' Agent — Timothy Hackett (Home) 755-1477

Paxton Center School 798-8576

Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St., Holden 829-6771

Wachusett Regional Committee — Caroline Ely (Home) 799-6272

Melinda Johnson (Home) 798-3606

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:00 p.m. at Wachusett High School

Library, Richards Ave. 754-0793

Library Trustees meet 1st Tuesday of the month

Library Hours

Mon.
 Tues.
 Wed.
 Thurs.
 Fri.
 Sat.

Winter

Closed
 1 - 8
 9 - 12, 1 - 5
 1 - 8
 9 - 12, 1 - 5
 10 - 4

Summer

Closed
 1 - 5, 7 - 9
 1 - 5
 1 - 5, 7 - 9
 1 - 5
 Closed